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A torchlight procession outside the municipal buildings marks the first day of Chanukah in Tel Aviv.

Chanukah is time to commemorate heroism of the past and the present

By DVORA WAYSMAN

Most Jews know a potted history of Chanukah. Those with a modicum of Jewish consciousness can tell you that it is an annual winter festival, occurring on 25th Kislev, where candles are lit each night for eight nights. This symbolizes a miracle which occurred in 165 B.C.E. when a cruse of oil was needed to purify the Temple, and it miraculously lasted for eight days instead of one.

Many Jews also know the story of the valiant Judah Maccabee, the Hasmonean, who led the revolt against the tyrant Antiochus IV and the Hellenistic culture which threatened to wipe out the whole Jewish tradition and heritage.

But there is much more to Chanukah even than this. For a long period it was solely a religious festival. "Chanukah" literally means "renewal," and the historian Josephus tells of the rejoicing that attended the renewal of the Temple service . . . "and they call it the Festival of Lights because, I believe, the opportunity of living according to our faith was given to us so unexpectedly, like a sudden flash of lightning."

Chanukah, in modern times, commemorates not only the heroism of the Hasmoneans, but heroic acts that have since paralleled it, signifying — as it did then — the victory of a small nation over a larger and stronger one; the few against the many; the weak against the strong. On the Sabbath that falls during Chanukah, we read the prophet Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The Jews have been described as a "stiff-necked people," and our history is marked by episodes in which, even after centuries of oppression, we have suddenly risen in revolt. At the time of the Hasmoneans, the Jews had been subjugated for so long by the Edomites, the Persians and the Hellenists, that the latter could be excused for thinking that one more tyrant might also be accepted passively.

But Antiochus went too far when he issued decrees to defile and destroy the Temple; to order Jews to worship Greek gods; to forbid the study of Torah, observe kashrut or to practice our customs. In place of servile submission, there erupted a national awakening and many Jews — such as Eleazar the scribe and Hannah and her seven sons — chose "torture unto death" rather than to obey the unjust and sinful decrees.

There is a parallel between the events of the Hasmonean wars and those of 1948 when the Haganah, despite overwhelming odds, defeated the Arab armies and ushered in the independent State of Israel.

Even before this in World War II, Jewish resistance to Hitler's brutal policies was much more widespread than is generally known. There were Jewish uprisings in the ghettoes, and Jewish partisan fighters in the forests outside the cities of Poland and Russia conquered by the Nazis. In occupied countries, Jews joined the resistance movements, many losing their lives.

Jews eagerly volunteered to serve in the Allied armies. It is estimated that 1,500,000 Jewish soldiers fought in the Allied forces against Hitler, and 150,000 in European resistance movements.

The Palmach, the commando troops of the Haganah, were the most mobile spearhead and the largest units of the Jewish forces in 1948. Etzel and Lehi fought heroically. The refugees on board boats illegally bringing them from Cyprus, struggled through passive resistance until they were brought to Israel. Later, Israel's operation into Entebbe in Uganda is a magnificent example of modern heroism, as is the struggle of Soviet Jews for their right to emigrate to Israel, however great the odds.

From its beginnings, the Zionist movement adopted the revolt of the Hasmoneans as a symbol. Now we celebrate Chanukah not only as a religious but also as a national festival. As torches are lit each Chanukah in Israel, the story of the faith and the heroism is told once again — becoming a symbol for the whole people and a beacon to the younger generation.

[World Zionist Press Service]

Rejection front crumbles

NEW YORK (JTA) —

President Anwar Sadat believes that the Arab rejectionist front aimed against Egypt because of its peace agreement with Israel has crumbled, little more than a year after it was formed. The "united front" has collapsed, he said in an interview with People Magazine.

"Look what has happened ro them since they cut relations with me. Only 15 months ago they were one united front. Now Iraq and Iran are killing each other off. Iraq has severed relations with Libya and Syria. Saudi Arabia has severed relations with Libya. Can you name two countries who will sit down together in order to make an alliance against Sadat?" the Egyptian leader asked.

Sadat's view of the disarray seems to be borne out by reports from Amman that Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat is seeking to postpone the 16-nation meeting of Arab leaders due to open in Amman, Nov. 25.

So far, only Syria supports delay. Jordan appears eager to proceed with the Arab summit, planned originally to agree on a common economic and political strategy against Israel's West Bank policies.

A medal for Falwell — U.S. senator protests

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Rev. Jerry Falwell, leader of the controversial Moral Majority, recently stepped up before Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the Starlight Room of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and received a prestigious medal for service to Israel.

And liberal Democrat Senator Frank Church from Idaho, who was defeated for re-election on Nov. 4, flatly turned down the same medal because Falwell was a recipient.

The awards were handed out before a crowd of more than 2,000 gathered to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the Zionist Revisionsit leader, whom Begin described as his "spiritual father" . . . "the architect of the Jewish state."

The Jabotinsky Centennial Medal was awarded to "100 distinguished Americans of all faiths," all from all walks of life including the arts and sciences, commerce and public affairs.

Falwell told the audience that he has been a Zionist and a friend of Israel for 25 years. He said that support of Israel is one of the tenets of the Moral Majority.

ANALYSIS

Trudeau in Mideast — his trip raises questions

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Pierre Trudeau talked, toured and danced his way through the Middle East last week, becoming the first Canadian prime minister to pay state visits to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and North Yemen.

He conducted talks with the leaders of each of those diverse countries, explaining Canada's even-handed stance on the Arab-Israeli dispute, laying the groundwork for greater Canada-Saudi trade, taking in exotic desert sights and dancing the traditional moozmaad with Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Yamani.

In political terms, Trudeau's travels reveal positive and possibly negative aspects.

Both the Saudis and the Yemenis, who play virtually no role in Middle Eastern diplomacy, urged their host to recognize the PLO — a recommendation Canadian special envoy Robert Stanfield alluded to last year in his report to Joe Clark.

Trudeau, who shook hands with the PLO's representative in North Yemen, declined to announce any new Canadian initiative on the PLO. Ottawa is on record as favoring the "legitimate interests and aspirations of the Palestinians."

But, in a significant remark in Cairo, he held open the possibility that Canada might indeed move toward recognition of the PLO as the primary spokesman of the Palestinians. "There is no dialogue between the PLO and Canada at the present moment," he said, apparently laying the emphasis on the last four words.

By the same token, however, he declared that such a dialogue should not "destroy our friendship with Israel."

Trudeau reiterated Canada's opposition to Israeli settlements, Israel's annexation of Jerusalem and Ottawa's support for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

In discussions with Anwar Sadat, Trudeau expressed full support for the Camp David process, thereby disagreeing with European allies on the utility of it all.

Yet, in what may be interpreted as a new wrinkle in Canadian policy, Trudeau asserted that Ottawa might not be adverse to the establishment of a Palestinian state in lands evacuated by Israel within the context of a peace agreement.

As he put it: "We are convinced that peace cannot come without a solution to the Palestinian problem, and that solution includes a territorial arrangement, **especially the West Bank and Gaza.**"

Trudeau's remarks on the Palestinians and the PLO fan fears in the Jewish community that Canada, its support for Israel in the UN notwithstanding, is planning to align its Mideast policy with that of Western Europe.

In recent weeks, the Canada-Israel Committee has voiced misgivings that Canada is "at a crossroads in its relations with Israel," and Jewish communal leaders, who prefer anonymity, have expressed similar views.

Reliable Israeli sources in Ottawa disagree that Trudeau's trip foreshadows considerable change in Canadian policy. "There's no reason to be alarmed at the moment," one source said. "We can't see a change."

No evidence exists, now at least, that Canada is on the verge of implementing recommendations contained in the Stanfield report, the source said, referring mainly to the PLO.

On the commercial level, however, there is reason to believe that Canada intends to deepen its ties with the Arab world. Saudi Arabia alone will spend an estimated $280 billion in the next five years, and Canadian companies will surely seek part of that business.

Currently, Canada buys $1.3 billion worth of Saudi oil, and Sheikh Yamani's offer to sell Ottawa 100,000 more barrels is an indication of the gradual growth of commercial ties between Ottawa and Riyadh. According to statistics, Canada-Saudi trade has increased by 123% in the last two years or so. Figures for Canada and Egypt are just as impressive.

As far as Middle East exports to Canada are concerned, Israel is losing ground, statistics for the first six months of this year show. Arab oil, of course, is the telling factor.

In second place, after Saudi Arabia, is Kuwait, followed by Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Israel and Egypt.

Last year, Israel was Canada's second best customer in the region. By July of 1980, Israel was in fourth position, having bought goods and services to the tune of $58 million.

If trading patterns and political policy are closely intertwined, Canada is certainly signalling its intention, albeit quietly and slowly, to adopt a higher profile in the Arab world.

Whether this will affect Israel adversely remains to be seen.

[CP Laserphoto]

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and his 6-year-old son, Sacha, pay a courtesy call to Saudi Arabia's King Khalid [right]. Trudeau was in Saudi Arabia as part of a general visit to the Middle East. He also visited North Yemen and Egypt.

Economic problems seen as a major cause of rising tide of anti-semitism in France

By MURRAY ZUCKOFF

DETROIT (JTA) —

Anti-semitism in France was described here by a French Jewish communal leader as "the beast that is buried in the French collective unconscious." But according to Bernard Attali, a leader of the Fonds Social Juif Unifie, this latent, insidious anti-semitism is directed against the corporate body of French Jewry, not against individual Jews.

Attali told several hundred delegates attending a plenary session on anti-semitism during the course of the Council of Jewish Federations' 49th general assembly that anti-semitism in France in the recent period is due to French politics in relation to Israel, the rebirth of an extremist ideology among French new right intellectuals which is garbed in the language of pseudo-science and metaphysical philosophy, and the economic crisis which requires a scapegoat.

"There is a link between economic crisis and anti-semitism," Attali said. "With inflation, unemployment and uncertainty, there is a search for scapegoats."

Attali noted that it is simplistic to limit the course of anti-semitism to France's critical policy toward Israel and its flirtation with the Palestine Liberation Organization. While French official policy toward Israel is based on being "oil-minded" and France is not supplying Israel with military hardware as it did in the past, "Israel still benefits from the immense reservoir of French friendship," he said. Attali stated that the French Jewish community is taking action to assure that this reservoir does not dry up.

In addition to the anti-semitism fostered by the economic situation and the new right, another factor is the proliferation of articles in the French press on the nature of Judaism, the Holocaust and anti-semitism, Attali observed. This has had both positive and negative effects on the French psyche, he said.

Insofar as the issue of anti-semitism is being publicly debated it constitutes what he termed a "therapy of truth." It also exorcises the dilemma on the part of French Jews as to whether public discussion helps to clarify the issue or provides an arena for the enemies of the Jewish people to insinuate their views with impunity, Attali said.

Negatively, the ongoing public discussion has tended to reduce the issue of anti-semitism to a "banality," he noted.

The present state of mind of French Jewry is one of anxiety and determination, Attali said. However, he stressed, "if the terrorists of the Rue Copernic (synagogue bombing last month) wanted to marginalize us, isolate us, or ghettoize us, they failed" because there was an almost universal condemnation of the bombing in France as well as abroad.

He pointed out that diverse elements — religious, trade union, socialist, Communist and human rights organizations — drew closer to the Jewish community in their avowal that there must be no more Nazism.

Attali said that these elements may have acted for egotistic reasons, to publicize their own views, but there was no question that the general feeling on the part of all these elements was that the defense of Jewish rights was at the same time a defense of human rights.

Nevertheless, Attali warned that "we are only at the beginnings of our trouble. We must prepare ourselves for new trials."

A resolution adopted by the general assembly stated that increasing anti-semitic activity in the United States "must be vigorously combatted" but that acts of violence against Jews and Jewish institutions in the U.S. "have not been as flagrant or numerous as those recorded in Europe."

Referring to anti-semitic activity in Europe, the resolution expressed solidarity with and support for the Jews in France and called upon the governments of the United States and Canada "to exert their influence upon the French government to insure the protection of the Jewish citizens of France." The resolution called on all people concerned with a democratic and peaceful world to "take an unequivocal stand against terrorism and resurgent anti-semitism."

Inflation at 138%, Israelis protest

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

An estimated 10,000 Israelis participated in a mass demonstration here to denounce the government's economic policies which they blamed for the surging inflation rate. The demonstration was organized by Histadrut whose secretary-general, Yeruham Meshel, demanded that Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz resign.

It was conducted while the cabinet was holding its regular meeting in the Prime Minister's office. Hurwitz, for his part, told his colleagues that Histadrut deliberately torpedoed his attempts to work out a wage-price "package deal" to stem inflation. He accused the labor federation of trying to cling to the special advantages enjoyed by its pension funds.

The demonstration and the angry recriminations in the cabinet were sparked by figures released here that showed inflation soaring to a rate of 138% and the cost-of-living index up by 11% in October, the second largest monthly increase in Israel's history and the highest since November, 1977.

According to unofficial forecasts, the November figures will be still higher.

The inflation rate for the final quarter of 1980 is expected to be in the order of 200%.

Hurwitz had recently intimated he had inflation under control. The rate seemed to be slakening. Last August it was only 8.2%. Reacting to the October figures, he blamed the government as a whole for his failure to stem the tide — meaning that various ministers were refusing to accept cuts in their ministry budgets.

Hurwitz denied however that he was planning to resign and pull his Rafi faction out of the Likud-led coalition government.

IDA LIPSON LEADS THE FIGHT

Seniors waging war on prices

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

With prices zooming out of sight, consumer power may be the ordinary Joe's single most important weapon in fighting inflation.

Leading the way in consumer advocacy within the Jewish community is a small ginger group of seniors led by a peppery, well turned out matron of 64 by the name of Ida Lipson.

Lipson, a volunteer at the Centre for Creative Living, chairs a 12-member social action committee that in the last 1½ years has lined up over 200 stores which will grant seniors discounts of 5 to 30 percent on everything from haircuts to furniture.

Lipson's squad scored one of its biggest coups this month when it signed up stores in the Towne and Countrye Square at Yonge and Steeles. Up until that time, plazas and other large corporate entities were impenetrable to the advances made by the chatzpudik volunteers from the centre.

Lipson, herself, has the right combination of optimism and energy for consumer advocacy. "We've tried Ma Bell," she says, "but we were scuffed off. That doesn't mean we won't try again. The same for large department stores. So far, the answer has been no, but I'm hoping for a breakthrough."

Even if Lipson's social action doesn't get a commitment to discounts for seniors, she thinks there are spinoffs from such efforts. "We try to make everyone aware that one day there is going to be an army of older citizens out there in society," she says.

She regards the recent special senior citizens' days advertised by large department stores not so much as an act of altruism but a canny recognition of the growing market power of older people.

Believing that seniors can pack a punch if they all get together, Lipson says her group applied for a New Horizon grant of $14,000 to get their social action group off the ground.

Although the program was originally modeled on a seniors' discount program in Scarboro, Lipson says the centre quickly surpassed the scope of the Scarboro operation.

Not only are there more stores involved, but the centre's increasing polish shows with such professional touches as window stickers, letters of acknowledgement, and above all, a handy black book of all participating merchants.

As news of the centre's program has spread, inquiries poured in from seniors' groups from Vancouver to Halifax, and Lipson herself became a celebrated personality in demand by media, academe and service organizations.

She has appeared on radio, TV and was written up by Lotta Dempsey in The Star. In the face of all the fuss, Lipson says she is surprised at her own composure. "I find I'm not even batting an eyelash at who asks what," she remarks.

It is in front of gerontology classes at York University and Ryerson Institute that Lipson fields her frankest questioners who want to know not just how to be a consumer advocate but also what it's like to grow older.

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[Ben Leckstrom photo]

Ida Lipson heads social action committee at Centre for Creative Living in Toronto.

World News

Rally expresses solidarity but more participants needed

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

"Are you coming to the rally?" I recently asked a friend whom I happened to see.

"Rally? What rally?" he asked with genuine puzzlement.

I told him. We were calling on Jews and non-Jews to acknowledge the dangers of spreading anti-semitism in the world. The bombs that burst in Paris were not an isolated incident but a dramatic demonstration that the forces of evil were loose one more. Surely this was a matter of intense concern for any thinking person.

My friend looked at me with a bored expression. He is not a "closet Jew" who comes out only when there is a dire emergency. No, he participates in fund raising activities for the UJA and for one of the Israeli universities, goes to shul on the occasional Shabbat, and sends his children to day school. We should have more of his kind in the community and things would be easier all around. But on the matter of the rally he had definite opinions.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

"First of all," he said, "rallies don't do any good that I can see. And second, even if they did some good — and I must admit that there is the odd one that maybe does — I wouldn't go. Rallies are not for me. They are for crowds and I am allergic to them."

My first impulse was to give him a fervently argued reply. I didn't though; I knew there was no use. He wouldn't go to a rally, however worthwhile it was. And neither would thousands of others of our good people. The sweat of the multitudes is not for them. I have been around rallies long enough to know the obvious: Some of our most truly concerned leaders have an acute case of foot fatigue when it comes to public demonstrations. They are never there, unless they take part in the proceedings.

Maybe I should not worry about it. After all, one might say, some sit on boards and give of their brains and time; others give speeches or money; and then there are those who best express their sense of obligation by demonstrating. They do what others don't or can't do, and vice versa. There is a limit to everyone's capacity for involvement and participation.

The argument is rational and portrays reality accurately. But I don't have to like the result, and I don't.

The demonstration in Toronto a few weeks ago (which paralleled such gatherings in various cities across Canada) would have been made more significant if our community leadership had been present. The Congress people were there, to be sure, but few of any other identifiable segment were. Too bad for all of us, for their absence was felt keenly, especially since the rally attracted civic and political spokesmen, Christian clergy, and a number of concerned non-Jews who had seen the advertisement in the paper.

The presence of 200 of our community's top leadership would have turned a fair rally into a first-rate exercise.

Which brings us back to the first question of my friend's: Are rallies of this type worth our effort altogether?

Even taken by itself, the demonstration had significance. It had stimulated a resolution in the House of Commons, thanks to Rev. Roland de Corneille MP. It brought forth official expressions from other governmental and civic and religious leaders. It raised their awareness that fighting anti-Jewish prejudice and violence is not the business of Jews alone.

And as for our people, the meeting provided an opportunity for an expression of solidarity. We needed it for ourselves, and even if there were none to listen, we would still have to shout our warning to the winds. For our sake, if for no one else's.

The upshot of the matter is that my friend will probably continue to stay away and I will continue to go. Too bad. I wish more of his kind would break their long habit of abstention. We need them more than they know.

British Jews worried

Anti-semitism on rise

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

There has been an upsurge of anti-semitic incidents in Britain, home to 450,000 Jews, and the Jewish community is clearly worried.

The extreme right, fragmented but highly virulent, has in the past few months been responsible for the distribution of hate literature, the daubing of synagogues, the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and, in one isolated case, the arson of a synagogue.

In October, a pig's head was left in the doorway of a London synagogue, and in November, a Jewish Labor MP, Frank Allaun, received a letter bomb, which did not explode.

Of late, too, anti-semitic letters have been published in such prestigious national magazines as The Listener and The Spectator. Investigations have shown that they were fake — part of a campaign by anti-semites to defame Jews.

One letter was signed by "O. F. George." Inquiries by the editors of The Listener to track him down to his given address proved fruitless, fueling speculation that his name could be a reference to the League of St. George, an ultra-nationalist group.

Authorities in Britain claim that these incidents, which have increased sharply since the bombing of a synagogue in Paris recently, may be connected to the spate of fascist terror in France, Italy and West Germany.

The Board of Deputies, the British equivalent of the Canadian Jewish Congress or the American Jewish Committee, has taken the outrages seriously. Its chairman, Greville Janner, an MP, has declared: "These evil incidents . . . should be treated by British Jewry as flares of warning, signaling danger for all of us."

He then added: "I warn our community to look to its defences and to its security."

Aubrey Rose, chairman of the board's defence and group relations committee, has echoed Janner's remarks: "The watchword must be alertness, vigilance, increased security and a disciplined orderly response. This is no time for apathy."

In reaction to concern voiced in the community, the government has announced that its public prosecution department will examine the phenomenon of neo-Nazism in Britain today.

Neo-Nazi activity, which summons up memories of Oswald Mosley's blackshirts of the 1930s, is said to be undisciplined and unco-ordinated. But what they lack in cohesion, British Nazis more than make up in virulence.

The National Front, Britain's fourth largest political party, is the most well known in the pantheon of neo-Nazism. But it is having its troubles. Beset by personal squabbles, its leadership has dissolved. John Tyndal, the National Front's leader until his resignation, still retains control of the party's official periodical, Spearhead.

In the last national election, the National Front fielded 300 candidates. They all lost their deposits. But they won the allegiance of 190,000 voters, a fact which can only be ignored at one's peril.

One of the most sinister Nazi groups is called Column 88, which celebrates Hitler's birthday, sponsors para-military summer camps and often invites European fellow travelers to its celebrations. Little is known about Column 88, except that it is probably the most vicious of the Nazi lot.

The British Movement, successor to the British National Socialist Movement, is considered one of the most dangerous Nazi organizations operating today. Jacob Gewirtz, director of the Board of Deputies' defence department, says the British Movement is openly Nazi in philosophy, and poses a greater threat than the moribund National Front.

The British Movement, which reportedly distributes much of Britain's anti-semitic pamphlets and flyers, including "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," is said by Gewirtz to be growing and outstripping the National Front in terms of prestige.

Gewirtz claims that the British Movement regards the National Front as too "liberal," probably because some National Front leaders have soft-pedalled anti-semitism and have instead focused their attention on Britain's Black and Asian minorities.

He doubts whether anti-semitism will become the main platform of the radical right, given the current climate of opinion in Britain. But others are not so sanguine.

Greville Janner, who can hardly be described as an alarmist, has voiced the view that the deteriorating economic situation in Britain might ultimately affect Jews.

"We are worried because we see hardship reappearing, because unemployment creates unrest," he said in a speech. "When there is unrest, those seeking scapegoats will first concentrate on the minorities, and as Jews we are more sensitive because we have endured the Holocaust."

In a telling remark, Janner said "the need for defence of the Jewish community has never been greater."

Meanwhile, in this connection, the Board of Deputies continues to hew to its position of not co-operating with the Anti-Nazi League in the ongoing battle against Fascism.

The Anti-Nazi League has a strong leftwing orientation, while the Board of Deputies is the epitome of Establishment politics. Some voices in the Jewish community argue that the board ought to forge ties with the Anti-Nazi League, but this appeal has fallen on deaf ears to date.

Despite the board's aloofness, it may yet have to reconsider its stance. Sociologist Jane Monnman, in an analysis published in London by the Joint Israel Appeal, warned that British Jewry cannot maintian a low profile indefinitely.

As she put it: "Whether (the community) will be able to continue to do so and whether or not it was ever a good idea may be put to the test by the growth of ultra-nationalist rightwing groups and the prevailing economic conditions in Britain as a whole."

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Elizabeth Taylor Warner, donated her time and talent, along with Orson Welles, to co-narrate the Wiesenthal Centre's multi-media presentation on the Holocaust. She and Wiesenthal [above] were recently honored at a dinner by the centre; among the guests was Bob Kaplan, Canada's solicitor-general.

Jewish population declining

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A study made by the Hebrew University indicates that the world Jewish population presently stands at under 10 million and by the end of the century will number no more than 8 million.

According to the study, the commonly accepted figure of more than 11 million Jews today is erroneous.

Prof. Roberto Becchi, who has studied Jewish demographic changes, said the Jewish population will continue to decline in the 21st century because of the declining Jewish birth rate in the Diaspora.

According to Becchi, Israel is the only country where natural growth exceeds the death rate.

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CJF delegates are told plans for future needed

DETROIT (JTA) — The North American Jewish community has been told that long-range planning is imperitive "if we are to survive, with the quality of Jewish life we want for our children and their children."

This theme, along with the announcement of the undertaking of a billion dollar level of annual campaigning "needed by the Jewish comunal enterprise," was made by Morton Mandel, president of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), at the opening plenary session of the CJF's 49th general assembly meeting at the Detroit Plaza Hotel.

To underscore the fact that "the billion dollars is the current requirement to properly meet our needs," Mandel told the more than 3,000 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada, a number surpassing that of the previous high attendance at the 47th general assembly in San Francisco two years ago: "There is no certainty that our Jewish communities will survive forever, by another 100 years, or even 50." The key to this survival, he said, is long-range planning "in our overall strategy" to meet basic Jewish responsibilities at home and overseas.

In explaining the need to move from the current combined North American communal campaign of $550 million to a new level of $1 billion in the next five years, Mandel said: "The plain fact is that we have not been raising the money we need to properly meet these basic responsibilities. This has produced a sense of frustration, as we try to find ways to cut up differently a pie that is already too small, shifting funds from one deserving recipient to another."

Mandel reported that since last May, the CJF has worked closely with the United Jewish Appeal through a joint national task force "to help communities assess their fund raising potential, to see what their true fund raising capacity really is, and then set appropriate realistic campaign objectives for 1981 through 1985."

Complementing the efforts to accelerate these campaigns, is the development of Endowment Fund income where, Mandel noted, "we have made quantum advances in recent years.

"Our communities have moved in just five years, from a 1975 total endowment of $185 million to a $425 million endowment in 1980." Here too, he said, "we have established a billion dollar goal for 1985," a goal that, like the billion dollar annual campaign, Mandel said, "is based on hard, realistic expectations."

Among the greatest domestic concerns and priorities for the CJF in the period ahead which require the increased financing and long-range planning Mandel listed Jewish education, problems of the family, services for the elderly, Soviet Jewish resettlement, Federation-synagogue relations "and still other key issues."

Meanwhile, Mandel reported that there are several broad areas of concern with regard to Israel that CJF is dealing with currently. "First, just two months ago, local federations and CJF, in co-operation with the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, launched a special program on Israel public relations, designed to supplement current ongoing activities," Mandel said. "The objective is to interpret Israel better to North Americans in light of some erosion of Israel's international position."

In the area of Israel economic development, Mandel continued, CJF has appointed a committee to find a model or mechanism that will bring the business leadership of the American Jewish community more effectively into Israel's economic future — "that will commit the vast business talent that exists in North America with the opportunities and talent that exist in Israel."

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Members of Israel's opposition, Abba Eban [left] and Shimon Peres [right] held private talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat recently.

Israeli Labor Party proposes a Jordanian-Palestinian state

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The Israeli Labor Party may go to the polls in the 1981 elections with a foreign policy calling for a solution of the Palestinian problem within the framework of a single Jordanian-Palestinian state, to which Israel would cede portions of the West Bank not essential to its security.

The platform plank, complete except for final touches, was unveiled recently by veteran Laborite Israel Galili. It does not deviate from Labor's long standing position rejecting a separate Palestinian state between Israel and the Jordan River.

The only surprise in the platform came from a statement Galili made in a radio interview, in which he said: "We will not dictate to this Jordanian-Palestinian state what form of government it ought to have or who should head it. That would be the business of its citizens and they would have to choose between (King) Hussein, (Yasir) Arafat or someone else."

This remark was the first by a prominent Israeli implying that Israel could live at peace with a neighbor headed by the Palestine Liberation Organization chief.

The platform, drafted by Gallili, former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, former Justice Minister Chaim Zadok and former Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, insists that Jerusalem remain Israel's united capital under its full sovereignty with free access to the holy places of all faiths.

It provides no clear-cut answers to the problems of control of the holy places, and it allows no more than symbolic territorial concessions on the Golan Heights, claiming anything more would endanger Israel's security.

Liaison between Reagan, U.S. Jews debated

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Quietly, behind the scenes, there's a battle of sorts brewing among President-elect Ronald Reagan's key Jewish supporters. At issue, according to several of them, is the proper method for maintaining liaison between the White House and the Jewish community during the Reagan administration.

One school of thought wants Reagan to appoint a senior White House official who would be responsible for dealing with the Jewish community. This slot, basically, would be a continuation of the situation in the Carter administration where Edward Sanders and, later, Alfred Moses filled that role.

This official, under the Carter model, would articulate Jewish concerns during the administration's internal decision-making process and then defend those positions to his Jewish constituents. In the Carter administration, there were other officials with similar "ethnic" responsibilities, including for the Black and Spanish-speaking communities.

Jack Stein of New York, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations who was among Reagan's top Jewish backers during the campaign, is said to be a candidate for such a job — if it should be retained.

But a second and apparently more dominant school wants to do away with the entire "house Jew" position. "It's demeaning," one member said, insisting that the Jewish community has "grown up" in America to the point where they do not require such special treatment. "There's no Catholic desk in the White House," he said.

Among those wanting to do away with the formal staff position is Theodore E. Cummings, the septuagenerian Los Angeles businessman who is widely regarded as Reagan's closest and most influential Jewish friend and adviser. Everyone agrees that Cummings is in Reagan's cherished inner circle.

Cummings' special status with Reagan has catapulted him into the limelight, practically overnight. When Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron, for example, flew to Los Angeles for 24 hours immediately following the Reagan victory, it was for a meeting with Cummings.

But Cummings, who has developed a close personal relationship with Reagan, is reluctant to overextend his standing on matters of Jewish concern. And that "distance," in the words of one of his critics, should make the Jewish community cautious in relying solely on him for input.

Yet Cummings, at this stage, seems anxious to maintain his unique access to Reagan by keeping the "Jewish portfolio" very close to his vest.

According to reliable sources, Cummings is aiming to emulate Detroit businessman Max Fisher's stance during the Nixon and Ford administrations. Fisher was the "gatekeeper" for the Jewish community during those earlier years, even though he never took a formal staff position in the White House.

Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, was the address for arranging meetings with those earlier Republican Presidents and other officials. Cummings, apparently, wants to inherit that role, while based 3,000 miles away from the White House in Los Angeles.

Those who complain about Cummings' "commitment" point out that he had originally pledged to make certain that the "Jewish desk" in the campaign would have a $500,000 budget. In the end, it was less than $200,000.

Fisher, who became active in the Reagan campaign only after his first choice, former President Gerald Ford, dropped out of contention, of course, would like to re-emerge as the central U.S. Jewish leader during the Reagan era. But the Detroit fund raiser knows that he can't compete for Reagan's ear with Cummings. Fisher, therefore, is willing to share the spotlight.

In the waning days of the campaign, Cummings and some other Republican Jewish leaders successfully combined to weaken Albert Spiegel's standing. Spiegel, another Los Angeles businessman who has known Reagan for several years, served as chairman of the Jewish Coalition for the Reagan/Bush Campaign. Fisher and Cummings were honorary chairmen.

Spiegel, a committed activist who has devoted years to promoting Jewish causes across the board, is known to have disagreed with Cummings on several important matters. He wanted Cummings to become more aggressive in using his influence with Reagan. Personality conflicts arose; in the end, there was some bitterness all round.

Some other key Jewish leaders in the Reagan camp, including New York lawyer Maxwell M. Rabb, a former secretary to the Eisenhower cabinet, and New York real estate developer George Klein, favor a more informal ad hoc committee of Jewish advisers to serve Reagan from outside the government.

Among those who would be expected to sit on such a committee are Cummings, Fisher, Spiegel, Rabb, Klein, Stein, Gordon Zacks of Columbus, Ohio (who has an especially close relationship with vice President-elect George Bush), Norman Braman of Florida and Sylvia Hassenfeld of Rhode Island.

Assisting them could be a lower or mid-level White House staffer who would do-ordinate "technical" arrangements for scheduling meetings or getting out letters — along the lines of David Lissy's relationship with Fisher during the Ford tenure.

But clearly, Cummings will remain the dominant figure, given his personal ties to Reagan. He wants to call the shots, as far as the Jewish community is concerned. He's likely to get what he wants.

That's also because much of the organized U.S. Jewish leadership, as represented by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and other "establishment" groups, has limited clout with the Reagan people. They are now, belatedly, trying to forge new ties. But so many of their leaders are well-known liberal Democrats who simply don't know the incoming conservative Republican crowd.

From the Jewish community's point of view (as well as Israel's), clearly the best of all possible worlds would find many of Reagan's key future foreign policy aides at the state department, the National Security Council, the Pentagon and elsewhere come into their new assignments with a sensitive background to Jewish concerns.

The Reagan foreign policy team, if staffed with some solid pro-Israel professionals, would be in no need for a special White House liaison to the Jewish community. These people, familiar with all the codewords of Arab-Israeli diplomacy, would recognize dangers and pitfalls during the decision-making process, before final positions are set in concrete.

The ad hoc committee of outside advisors, while personally all committed to Israel, consists of wealthy businessmen whose expertise on the nuances of the Middle East is clearly lacking — by their own admission.

Placing some senior professional people in the Reagan administration with a good understanding of an sensitivity to Israel would also be in Reagan's own best interest. The President would not have to fear that some controversial decisions might arouse the wrath of the organized Jewish community overnight. The President would be protected from some unpleasant end-arounds by his more "even-handed" state department career bureaucrats.

Reagan should have the benefit of different points of view before final decisions are made. Leaving Jewish concerns solely in the hands of Cummings and the others would be a major disservice to the new President as well as to the Jewish community, which demonstrated in the last election that it is not necessarily wedded only to the Democrats.

Many of Reagan's Jewish votes came from the grass roots level: religious Jews in Brooklyn who liked his opposition to such moral issues as abortion and the Equal Rights mendment for Women; neo-conservative Jewish intellectuals, like Irving Kristol, who pushed for a strong U.S. defence; and "average" Jews who simply felt that Carter was a disaster for America and Israel.

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Bora Laskin, Mrs. Samuel Bronfman to receive Ben-Gurion Negev Award

MONTREAL —

Bora Laskin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Mrs. Samuel Bronfman have been granted the Ben-Gurion Negev Award.

The awards, conferred "by the unanimous decision of the academic senate and international board of governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev," will be presented at a national tribute dinner in Montreal on May 21.

The award, according to Melvin C. Zwaig, president of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Associates of the university, is the highest honor the university can grant.

"It is a rare distribution which has never, prior to this, been accorded the universal esteem in which Mrs. Bronfman and Chief Justice Laskin are universally held and represents the kind of world recognition in which all of Canada can take profound pride."

The award is named for David Ben-Gurion, the founder of the modern State of Israel and for the Negev, the vast arid portion of the nation. It highlights Ben-Gurion's abiding belief in the vital importance of a flourishing Negev to the future welfare and security of the State of Israel.

"I am certain," said Zwaig, "that this national tribute to these two most distinguished Canadians will call forth a great outpouring of appreciation, affection and esteem for the honorees, whose contributions to the perfection of Canadian life and, indeed, to the improvement of the lot of men everywhere, are legion."

Cotler meets with CBA chairman on Nazi criminals

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress President Irwin Cotler recently met with the chairman of the international law section of the Canadian Bar Association to discuss the prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

The meeting between Cotler (a law professor at McGFill University) and chairman of the international law section, David Matas, was in response to a resolution passed by the CBA calling for a study of "any legal impediments which may exist to the bringing to justice of Nazi war criminals who may be found in Canada, with a view to proposing to governments appropriate means of removing any such impediments."

The resolution was the first of its kind ever passed by the CBA international law section.

Cotler told The Canadian Jewish News that he is planning to meet with Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan to discuss CJC's thinking on the whole matter of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

"The resolution of the CBC section on constitutional and international law is a most encouraging development," Cotler told The CJN. "It not only symbolizes an important statement of principle by a major constituency, but also states that if there are any legal impediments to prosecution, ways and means should be found to remove them.

"I am persuaded," Cotler continued, "that through a co-operative CJC-CBA effort, we will clearly demonstrate that the prosecution of Nazi war criminals is not only a moral imperative, but a legal responsibility.

"There can be no statute of limitations for crimes against humanity," he declared.

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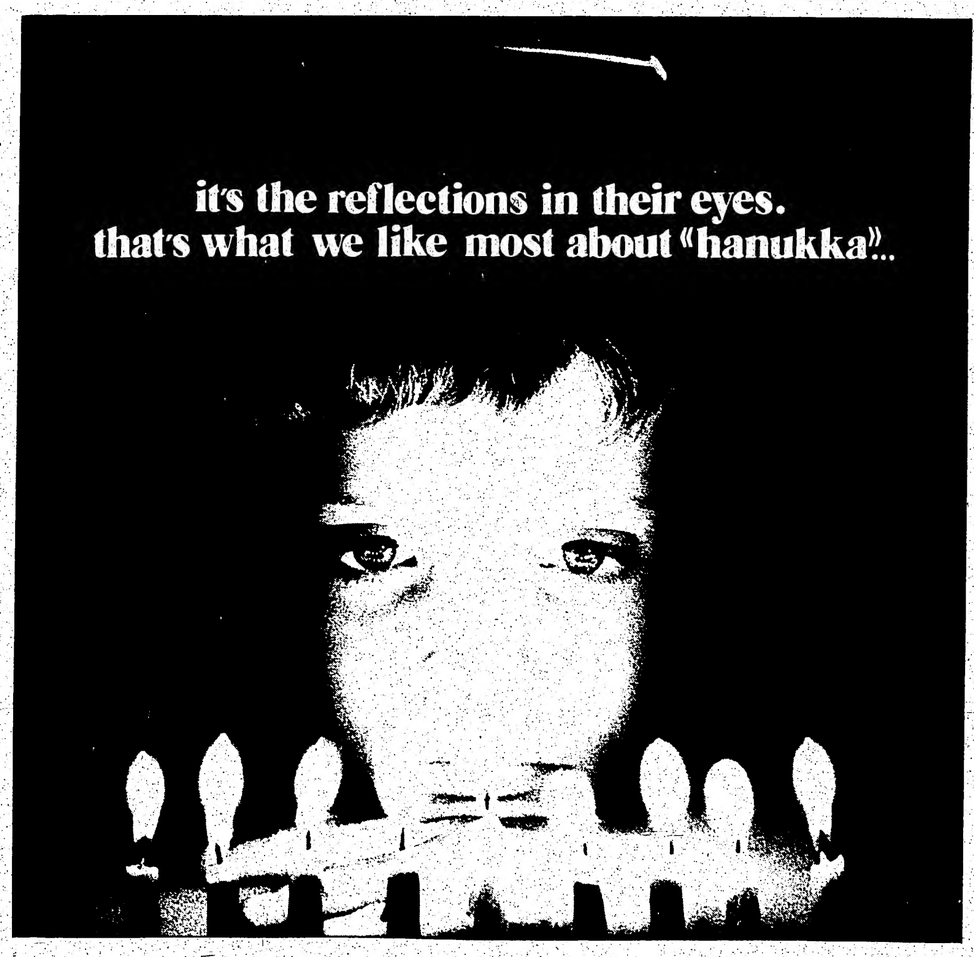

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More than a miracle

The holiday of Chanukah which is ushered in this year on the night of Dec. 2nd is deeply rooted in Jewish history. In the year 167 BCE, after a series of Draconian measures were unleashed against the population of Jerusalem by Antiochus Epiphanes ("God made manifest" was the presumptuous name he gave to himself), a Jewish rebellion was initiated by Mattathias of Modi'in.

The Syrian king who had been involved in a power struggle with Egypt and later with Rome turned against Jerusalem and in frustration over lack of success against the imperial powers, proceeded to butcher the Jewish population of the holy city and destroyed the city walls.

As Leo Trepp records in his magisterial survey "The Complete Book of Jewish Observance" (Summit), Antiochus was able to exercise his control over Jerusalem through the mediation of the high priest Menelaos. "Study of Torah was prohibited; Sabbath observance became a crime; circumcision was forbidden. In every town and hamlet, heathen altars were erected. The Jews were to prostrate themselves before the gods and offer swine as sacrifices. Disobedience was punishable by death."

For Judah, the son of Mattathias, such a situation represented the ultimate pollution of the land; it could not be permitted to continue. With a small band of insurrectionists Judah the Maccabee began to engage Syrian soldiers in a sequence of guerilla encounters. So successful was the Maccabean revolt that within three years Antiochus agreed to an amnesty request and rescinded most of his anti-Jewish statutes.

The situation in Jerusalem, however, remained unchanged: idolatry was rife, the Temple was being continually desecrated.

Gathering his army together once again, Judah mounted an attack on the Syrian occupied city and captured it on the 25th of Kislev. The Temple was restored to its pristine beauty and sacrificial purity.

According to tradition, the consecration of the Temple and the rededication of the new altar were celebrated for an 8-day period. The first name given to this period was "The Sukkot of Kislev" because while the Temple was in Syrian hands Jews had been unable to observe that joyful assembly. Eventually the name Chanukah was apposed to the event because the word itself recalled the idea of dedication.

It is instructive that the kindling of eight lights on the Chanukah festival which commemorates the miraculous cruse of oil which lasted for eight days — was interpreted by the rabbinic tradition not as evidence of Judah's military prowess nor as a demonstration of the Maccabees supposed victory but as a symbol of Judaism's higher purposes.

The prophetic reading on the Shabbat of Chanukah points to the rabbinic teaching; it is from Zechariah and concludes with these words: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts." (4:6)

The fully lighted menorah has been likened to a blazing fountain. Its radiance conveys both joy at the memory of heroic deeds in the past and humility, in the perception that ultimately human strength is transitory and that faith in the divine alone secures genuine peace of mind.

He dreamed of peace

Aharon Cohen, who died recently at 70, was one of Israel's greatest Arab scholars and foremost proponents of Arab-Jewish amity. He passed away on Shaar Haamakin, a kibbutz he helped establish.

A native of Bessarabia, Cohen immigrated to Palestine in 1929. In the intervening years, he became a keen student of Arab history and culture and an ardent advocate of Arab-Jewish co-operation. A shadow fell across his reputation in the early 1960s, when he was sentenced to five years in prison for maintaining questionable contacts with Soviet embassy officials. But his stock rose again when the President of Israel pardoned him.

At his death, Cohen was one of the grand old men of Labor Zionism, an Israeli and an internationalist who never stopped dreaming of peace between Jews and Arabs.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Dec. 3, 1978, U.S. Reform leader Rabbi Alexander Schindler called for a concerted proselytization drive among non-Jews. The resultant furor reflected the long-standing controversy over conversion that has characterized Judaism from its start.

More than 3,500 years ago, Simeon and Levi slew the man who raped their sister and who then wanted to convert in order to marry her and absorb Jacob's wealth. Since that time, proselytes have been honored and reviled, loved and hated, contributors to Judaism and destroyers.

Two quotes, both from the Talmud, illustrates the extremes that encompass the range of attitudes to converts.

One: "A convert is as hard for Israel to bear as a score."

Two: "Dearer to God is one who comes to Judaism of his own accord. Had the Israelites not witnessed the thunder, lightning, quaking mountains and sounding trumpets (of Sinai), they would not have accepted the Torah. But the proselyte, without this, takes on the yoke of observance."

Beloved converts include: Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, who organized a system of leadership for Moses before returning to spread the word of God to his own people; Ruth, who comforted her mother-in-law on the tragic loss of her two sons and who went on to become the great-grandmother of King David; the commentator Onkelos, who converted the scores of fellow Romans that the emperor sent to imprison him; a former Italian priest who about 1100 C.E. turned his back on a noble lineage and wealth to become the Jew Obadiah and to proselytize from one end of the Mediterranean shore to the other; and Lord George Gordon, a former English Protestant leader.

As Christianity spread, Jewish proselytes were persecuted and often martyred. Among them were: Robert of Reading, a former Dominican, burned at Oxford in 1222; Nicholas Antoine, burned in Geneva in 1622; Count Valentin Potocki, Vilna, 1749; and naval officer Alexander Voznitzin, Russia, 1738.

The complete conversion to Judaism of the Khazar kingdom in the 9th century was to boost for centuries the morale of the increasingly persecuted communities in the West.

Apostasy, slander, denunciation and collusion with anti-Jewish governing authorities were often the more bitter fruits of incomplete conversion. The historian Josephus describes numerous instances of Hellenist proselytes who denounced Judaism to the Romans. The mockery of an ass being worshipped in the Temple's Holy of Holies was fabricated by reneging proselytes. They also stirred up Gentiles against Jews and Jews against each other during the Roman wars.

Nearly six centuries earlier, when Ezra led a group of Jews back to Jerusalem 70 years after the fall of the first Temple, he was maligned by the local Samaritans, the descendants of the remaining Jews of the extinct Northern Kingdon and the non-Jews sent in to colonize the area.

From about the time of the Maccabees, the number of Gentiles in the civilized world who turned to Judaism for moral and spiritual guidance multiplied. Most, who did not commit themselves to complete conversion, to follow the precepts of Judaism, became the eager followers of a Hellenized Jew espousing a new religion: Christianity's principal architect, Paul.

The traditional rituals of conversion in use to this day were developed about that time — prescribed studies, immersion in a ritual bath, and, for males, circumcision. Active proselytization was transformed into an understated welcome for those desiring to perform the mitzvoth of Judaism despite being warned of their gravity and of the severe social adjustments involved . . . not to mention the possible dangers.

Another method of making adherents to Judaism — a way unique to our present age of massive intermarriage and assimilation — is being practiced from within certain circles: proselytizing among Jews themselves. What its contribution will be, history will show.

Syria's Hafez Assad has ruled for 10 years- his most serious challenges are still ahead

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Syrian security forces killed three political dissidents and captured two in a series of police raids recently, lending credence to widespread reports that the regime headed by Hafez Assad is still in grave trouble.

In the last 20 months, Syria has been convulsed by a skein of violence that has claimed the lives of at least 2,000 Syrians. The cycle of assassinations, strikes and demonstrations have been probably the worst in decades.

Assad, who marks the 10th anniversary of his seizure of power this month, narrowly escaped death in June when a bomb was thrown at his car as he was accompanying the president of Niger to Damascus airport.

The Syrian president was shaken by the grenade attack, the first reported assassination attempt against him. But he was equally upset by the turmoil which rocked the northern city of Aleppo two months earlier. In response to a 24-hour strike by merchants in Syria's biggest city, the government dispatched an entire armored division of 10,000 men to Aleppo in a bid to quell the unrest.

Facing the most serious challenge to his rule since he overthrew his predecessor in a bloodless coup, Assad blamed Syria's ills on the Central Intelligence Agency and on Israel.

The government weathered the disturbances in Aleppo — and in other towns as well — but nothing Assad has done since then has dispelled the gloom. His spokesmen claim Assad has the situation in hand. "Syria is now stronger than at any time before," says the information minister, Ahmed Iskander.

Yet, judging by the continuing spate of incidents — mainly police shootouts with opponents of the regime — Syria is far from calm. Instability plagues the nation, and Syrians of all religious persuasions fear what the future may bring.

Syria's 5,000 Jews, long an oppressed minority, have been inadvertent victims of the unsettled atmosphere, being caught in the crossfire between government supporters and their opponents.

In searching for dissidents, primarily members of the Moslem Brotherhood, police have rarely observed niceties. In Aleppo, a Moslem Brotherhood stronghold, Jews have suffered the greatest harassment. Women have been raped and men wounded by ricocheting bullets.

The government claims that its arch foe is the Moslem Brotherhood, an Islamic fundamentalist group which was founded in Egypt by a mystical sheikh more than 50 years ago. Syria banned it in 1963, but its fortunes have taken a turn for the better since the Islamic revolution in Iran.

The Moslem Brotherhood, characterized by Assad as "that blasphemous gang," shocked the president and his followers when several of its operatives murdered 62 cadets at the artillery academy in Aleppo in June of 1979.

Most of the dead were Alawite Moslems, who comprise less than 12% of Syria's population. Assad and the most important office-holders are also Alawites. The majority of Syrian Moslems are Sunnis, who dominate the Middle East in terms of sheer number.

Sunnis resent the disproportionate control wielded by the Alawites. Under the French mandate, Alawites — technically Shi'ite Moslems — and religious minorities such as the Kurds and the Druzes were encouraged to join the army to curb rising Sunni nationalism. Poor and unsophisticated, the Alawites achieved social, economic and political mobility by flocking to the army. Assad came up through the ranks in this way.

Alawites found another avenue of advancement by joining the Ba'ath Party, which was established partly by Michael Aflaq, a Greek Orthodox Christian, in 1941. The Ba'ath, which rules Syria to this day, stood for three goals — Arab unity, freedom and socialism. Alawites were lured to the party in the hope of achieving equality with their traditional urban Sunni rulers.

In the early 1960s, Alawite army officers staged a coup and thereby institutionalized their growing status. Assad, air force commander and minister of defence, usurped power two months after his rival, Saleh Jadid, botched an invasion of Jordan in support of the Palestinians.

Now 50, Assad eased Syria's totalitarian police apparatus and de-emphasized Marxist economic development. In 1971, he got 99.2% of the popular vote in a plebiscite confirming him as president. He was the sole candidate.

For a while, he was held in popular regard by many Syrians, particularly because his rule — or "corrective movement" — was associated with Syria's longest period of post-independence stability. Henry Kissinger, in his "White House Years" (Little, Brown and Company), was impressed by the man. Assad, he wrote, had given Syria, wracked by coups, "unprecedented stability."

Two years ago, things changed.

It didn't happen suddenly or dramatically, but the climate of opinion toward Assad was undergoing considerable change.

First, the Moslem Brotherhood criticized Assad for his secularist tendencies. Sensing danger, Assad declared his undying allegiance to the principles of Islam.

Second, and more important, his government was accused of mismanaging the economy and of corruption. In the wake of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, in which Syria took a leading part, Arab states poured development funds into Damascus and there was a boom. A handful of Syrians, especially Alawites, enriched themselves, fueling resentment and jealousy.

Inevitably, the government was accused of fostering corruption. Assad himself was condemned, despite his reputation for austere living and integrity. Critics asked how such a supposedly honorable man could allow even his own brother, Rifaat, to indulge in what was perceived as a crass life style.

As if these changes were not serious enough, Syria was beset by soaring inflation, caused when government economists failed to predict the abrupt decrease in overseas investment that followed the recession in Europe and the U.S. The middle class felt the pinch with a vengeance, and the powerful merchants in Aleppo did not like it. Worse still, the government subsequently froze prices after granting a major salary increase of about 70% to all state employees.

Third, Syrians of all political stripes demanded basic change by insisting on democratic freedoms such as free speech and press, the release of political prisoners and elections for a new, representative parliament.

There were two important developments on this front: the Syrians bar association complained about the government's reluctance to rescind its emergency regulations under which it maintained special powers to deal with public criticism. And Syria's ambassador at the United Nations resigned, charging that Assad had spawned corruption, repression and opportunism. He announced that he would attempt to form a government-in-exile.

In reaction, Assad appointed a new government that included 23 persons who had never held a ministerial post before. One of the appointees was a Sunni Moslem, Abdul-Raouf Kasem, the prime minister. The key foreign, defence and information portfolios remained unchanged, and marital law was not lifted, the government explaining "we are in a state of war with Israel."

To further appease his critics, Assad replaced 12 unpopular governors, dismissed 25 managers of state-owned companies on charges of incompetence and corruption, freed 200 political prisoners and limited the jurisdiction of state security courts to cases involving only the security of the nation.

Hafez Assad

And at the Ba'ath Party congress, Assad urged his supporters to freely criticize the government if they saw fit to do so. To prove his sincerity, Assad permitted the staging of "Cheers, Mr. Country," a melodrama performed in a Damascus theatre.

The play concerned the plight of a night watchman in a government warehouse who does not steal and take bribes and therefore finds it almost impossible to feed his family, receive medical treatment and find a school for his children. Assad attended the opening and applauded at the end, acknowledging that not all was well in Syria.

If Assad was capable of treating his critics with kid gloves, he was also prepared to use tougher tactics to shore up his government.

In March, after months of indecision, he set out on a sustained campaign to crush his most vociferous opponents. He sealed off cities like Aleppo and Hama, conducted fierce house-to-house searches for the usual suspects, and warned the population to lie low. In August, security forces reportedly dragged 80 men from their homes, lined them up and shot them, presumably as an object lesson to Syrians who couldn't quite comprehend the seriousness of the situation.

Assad's merciless drive to root out opponents was not without success. Hundreds of Moslem Brothers were killed, including its military chieftain. Late in August, the government proudly announced that some 1,000 Moslem Brothers had surrendered and renounced their membership.

The killings were carried out principally by the Defence Companies, led by Assad's brother, and by the Special Forces, headed by Ali Haidar. But the Ba'ath Party militia and the army were also involved.

Despite the satisfactory results, Assad has not been content with merely destroying the opposition within Syria. Last July gunmen allegedly employed by him assassinated Salah el-Bitar, a former Syrian prime minister, in Paris. Bitar, 68, was forced into exile in 1966. He edited a journal, Arab Renaissance, which carried articles critical of Assad. With Michel Aflaq, he was a founder of the Ba'ath Party, one of the central figures in post-independence Syria.

Today, Assad is confident that he has defeated his enemies both at home and abroad. The army, the pillar of his government, is behind him, and has remained largely unreceptive to appeals by the Moslem Brotherhood. In October, Syria signed a friendship and co-operation treaty with the Soviet Union, thereby strengthening its base.

In spite of these positive signs, Syria under Assad is a country teetering on the edge of anarchy and smoldering with discontent.

Critics charge that corruption has not been eradicated, that inflation is out of control, and that basic freedoms are repressed. Assad faces a dilemma: he cannot introduce greater regimentation to cope with the economy because it would be received badly. And he cannot unveil a new program of liberties because abuses, corruption and speculation would grow.

As Assad ponders his options, the Moslem Brotherhood defames his regime by word and deed. Indeed, the government admits to "daily incidents" in which gunfire is exchanged between police and opposition forces.

Finally, Syrians are weary of Assad's adventure in Lebanon, which he occupied in 1976, and of Syria's isolation in the Arab world. They also wonder when, if not how, Assad plans to regain Syria's "honor" on the battlefield by retaking the Golan Heights from Israel.

The ingredients of upheaval and revolution are present in Syria. The question observers ask is whether Hafez Assad can defuse the time bomb ticking away in his midst.

UJA more than just dollars; it tells of concern for Judaism

By J. B. SALSBERG

Metropolitan Toronto's Jewish community, the largest Jewish collective in the country, is now in the midst of its annual United Jewish Appeal campaign.

I suggest that this event is more, much more than a matter of dollars and cents.

It is, I further submit, the occasion when the spiritual and moral health of the community is being tested.

Am I too categoric, too extreme in my claim that the individual Jew's response to the UJA appeal is the true measurement of his relationship — spiritually and intellectually — with his people as a whole and with all things Jewish?

No, I do not believe that my submission is extreme or doctrinal.

I believe that UJA, its shortcomings notwithstanding, is the self-imposed, voluntary, all-embracing enterprise that we have fashioned for the purpose of meeting all major needs of all Jews in all countries, including Israel as well as our own Canadian Jewish communities across this land.

Viewing UJA (and CJA in Montreal) from this perspective it would not seem unreasonable to conclude that the Jew who excludes himself from the appeals of UJA (or CJA) removes himself, for all practical purposes, from the concerns and needs of his people as a whole.

But, some readers may ask, can't a concerned Jew fulfill his obligations and retain his identification with the Jewish world by selecting the institutions here and abroad towards which he wishes to divert his financial gifts?

My answer is that such a Jew's mode of identification could not be accepted and, far less, be recommended to others.

Such "independent" Jews sacrifice the whole for a part of the whole. The universal lesson, however, is that the whole (nation, people, culture, class) is greater, is more important than any single part of that whole. If every individual or group would decide what's good for Reb Yisroel, what would happen to Klal Yisroel?

What I say about the so-called individual's right to have his own preferences does not imply the denial of the individual's group's rights for special concerns. **But the overall needs and the broadest common aims must come first and sectional concerns must come second and never at the expense of the prime needs of our people as a whole. That means UJA — imperfect as it may be.**

Tradition of giving should be perpetuated through young

Having said that I feel the need of stating my steadfast credo with regards to UJA.

(1) UJA is, after all, a voluntary association of our diverse community. It raises the funds required for Israel, domestic and international Jewish needs, but it has no enforcement powers. Unlike a municipality, province or federal government UJA cannot prosecute or convict non-givers. The only power it has is that of moral persuasion and, in my opinion, the community is justified when it exercises this moral force to the limit. This force has, by the way, always been exercised by our people during its long period of Diasporic existence.

(2) I want to repeat what I always said with reference to UJA: **That we must be guided by the principle of each according to his or her means.**

This principle implies that the donor of a million and the donor of fifty dollars have equal status in the community — **so long as the offering is according to means.** In short: The question is not how much one gives that matters, but whether one gives as much as one is honestly able to give.

(3) That every single person in our community should actually **desire** to be among the givers and should feel ill-at-ease (not to speak of shame) if left out of Klal Yisroel.

(4) **The great tradition (you may call it mitzvah, if you please) of giving should be perpetuated through the children of all ages in each home.** Every youth of school or university age should be introduced to the need, the desire and the joy of giving for the satisfaction of the communal and world-wide needs of our people.

Partnership begins early. It begins at home; your home, everyone's home without exception.

It is furthered if continued in an organized fashion in every classroom of every type of Jewish school and on every campus of every institution of higher learning.

The number of our youthful participants in a UJA campaign is, from my viewpoint, more important than the sums that will be raised through such efforts.

Yes, UJA is not a matter of dollars and cents; it is the litmus test of one's concern with the present and future of our people; of one's honesty with one's professed concerns; of the degree of one's involvement in things Jewish; of one's measure of oneself as a Jew.

Canada follows the rest of the world

Is the unfashionable anti-semitism becoming fashionable again?

Reprinted from the November issue, Saturday Night

By ROBERT FULFORD

In the men's toilet cubicles in the basement of the Robarts research library on the University of Toronto campus, most of the grafitti are viciously anti-Jewish.

One might expect that this washroom, sitting as it does beneath the carefully stacked wisdom of the ages, patronized as it is by some of the brightest students in Canada, would attract a better class of wall-defacer. On the contrary, it attracts a special kind of ugliness. "Jews! back to Dachau, I say!" says one large marking. Another says, "Jews are ok, but dead ones are even okayer." Another says, "We will bury all you . . . dirty, nosy Jews — a PLO friend." Another says, "Jews is a dirty pig."

In the 40 or so years since I learned to read, I've never seen graffitti like these. They stop the heart. They bring back newsreel-memories of riots in Germany, Hitler's face, the opening of the death camps. One marking says, "Long live the Fuhrer."

Is anti-semitism marching again in Canada? One washroom doesn't make a trend, but I suspect that in fact anti-semitism is on the rise. A Jewish acquaintance of mine, a man in his 60s who makes almost a profession of taking a calm view of the world, said recently: "It begins to feel like 1938 all over again."

If this is true it suggests an international rather than a particularly Canadian virulence. Anti-semitism in Canada tends to follow anti-semitism elsewhere. It came to us from Europe in the first place, and so did its opposite: the belief that anti-semitism is a noxious poison that like all racism stamps its believers as uncivilized.

Through the first decades of this century, the English-Canadian elite was essentially anti-semitic. You need go no further than the files of this publication for proof; Saturday Night was highly suspicious of Jews and their ways, and especially of Jewish immigration. In Roman Catholic Quebec, anti-semitism was even more public.

When the crisis arrived for modern Jewry, with the consolidation of Hitler's power in the mid-1930s and his first violent moves against the Jews, Canada showed little interest in helping. In the late 1930s, hundreds of thousands of European Jews pleaded for refuge from a clear threat to their lives. Of all the countries then receiving immigrants, Canada provided the Jews with the least help.

Recent research by the historian Irving Abella, of York University, shows that Canadians can't say that our society was merely as bigoted as all the others; we were **worse** than all the others. In the pre-1939 period, when millions of lives were endangered, Canada found space for 4,000 Jewish refugees. All other countries for which I've seen figures took more: Argentina 22,000, Australia 10,000, Brazil 20,000, the United States 140,000, etc.

Impressions of grafitti.

This, as Abella has shown, was the result of several factors: unabashed anti-Jewish feeling in Quebec (which naturally swayed the Prime Minister of the day, Mackenzie King; a vicious anti-semite who held a key place in the immigration service; and the apparently inborn anti-semitism of the English-Canadian elite, most spectacularly represented by Vincent Massey as Canada's high commissioner in London. In any case, judged by our record, Canada at that crucial moment was one of the most passionately anti-semitic countries outside Europe.

But very quickly everything changed. In 1944 and 1945, with the evidence of the death camps and the victory over Hitler, everyone seemed to understand that European anti-semitism had led to the worst atrocity in the history of the world. In Canada anti-semitism became unfashionable. If it remained fitfully alive in private conversation [and it did, as any non-Jew can testify], it became publicly embarrassing, confined to a few eccentric fringe groups almost no one took seriously. At the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in 1949 I heard a secretary explaining that while black African visitors to the club were acceptable, "members of a certain race, which I need not name," were not — but even he was ashamed enought to announce this in a strained voice.

In those years Jewish immigration was encouraged, and for the most part Jews were allowed to take what positions they could earn in Canadian life. They played an increasingly important role in business, medicine, law, politics, literature, education, and mass culture. In 1973 a Jew was appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, the most important appointment the government can make. Surely anti-semitism, for all practical purposes, was dead.

But after a lecture I gave to a Jewish group in the early 1970s, a member of the audience issued a warning. My lecture had dealt with the place of Jews in North American culture. I had pointed out how, in the period 1940-1970, their position had changed from marginal to central.

The man who stood up during the question period was a European Jew of about 70, with one of those accents that contain distant echoes of unspeakable horror. He had a statement, not a question. He said that he couldn't share everyone else's happiness with the "success" of Jews in North America. It sounded to him like Vienna in the late 19th century, when Jews "succeeded" in many of the same ways; and it was in Vienna that the most murderous strain of European anti-semitism was developed.

Jews, he said, should beware of this kind of success, because Christians don't like it.

I suggested to him, as kindly as possible, that while this analysis might well apply to Europe, it was not part of the North American experience.

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On Aug. 23 this year, Le Devoir, the leading newspaper of French Canada, carried a review of a new Canadian movie, The Lucky Star. The movie depicts a young Jew in Amsterdam in 1940 who sees himself and his desperate situation in terms of American cowboy films. Le Devoir pronounced it a poor movie, and then made a remark that seems to me typical of a new attitude to Jews: "This film is nothing but a poor sub-product of the American cinema, sold out to the Jewish history and culture already omni-present on the world's screens."

The European Jew who spoke after my lecture would nod knowingly at that remark. Le Devoir is saying it has heard too much of the Jews, they are everywhere, they have somehow bought themselves too large a share of "our" culture. Edgar Z. Friedenberg, in his recent book Deference to Authority, remarks that "American cosmopolitan culture has become fundamentally Jewish;" that may or may not be true, but apparently it is true enough to be threatening or at least annoying to Le Devoir.

My guess is that, five years ago, no such remark would have appeared in Le Devoir. Probably it would not have been written; if written, it would have been edited out as anti-semitic or at the very least encouraging to anti-semitic feelings.

My guess, too, is that five years ago The United Church Observer, official magazine of an organization of 1-million Christians, would not have published the remarkable letter that appeared in its September issue. The letter, signed by one J. Scott Macdonald, of Ottawa, begins as an objection to a book review in which Christianity was given some of the blame for the Holocaust. This is nonsense, Macdonald says: in Christian countries Jews are allowed to flourish "to the point where they far surpass their hosts in wealth, power and privileges. It is only when they seek to exploit their position to the perceived detriment of the Gentile population [e.g. on precipitating oil price increases by antagonizing the supplier countries] that hostility arises . . ."

Macdonald then goes a step further: he brings in the bizarre (but nowadays frequently mentioned) notion that "Jewish wartime casualties" have been overstated, and cites as authority an obscure book making that claim. He goes on: "Should it be established, (and there is mounting evidence to this effect) that the genocide of the Jews in World War II was largely an invention to facilitate the founding and financing of the State of Israel, will it not be reasonable to expect Christian and other taxpayers to show some resentment? Will this then be dismissed as 'anti-semitism'?"

The United Church Observer has always been vehemently anti-Zionist, but so far as I know it has never before published an obscenity of that kind. Macdonald clearly believes that those 6 million people didn't die (where does he think they went?) but that the Jews, for nationalistic purposes, created a fiction of mass death. It would be impossible to concoct a more anti-semitic statement.

If the mood of the moment permits The United Church Observer to publish a letter of that kind, it also permits Charles Roach to talk about Jews and Israel in the way he did in August.

Roach, a Black lawyer in Toronto, spoke at a rally advocating the prosecution of Toronto policemen involved in the killing of a Jamaican immigrant. Roach was making the point that the men who control Toronto police are incapable of rendering justice to "working people, Black people and poor people." He identified these men as Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry, Premier William Davis, Metropolitan Toronto Chairman Paul Godfrey, and Police Commission Chairman Phil Givens.

His next remark was as preposterous as it was vicious. "I regard them all as mass murderers," Roach said. "These people are all rabid Zionists, you know that."

He said Davis "sometimes go (to Israel) and encourages . . . mass slaughter of Palestinians."

Interviewed later by the black newspaper Contrast, Roach said that he stood by his remarks, that he had done the research to back them up, and that in any case he made the statement in passing.

That last is the interesting part: to Roach, and so many like him, depicting Israelis and supporters of Israel as "mass murderers" is standard rhetoric. Roach may not be everyone's idea of a great lawyer, but he knows which way the winds of demagoguery are blowing. He knows that the Israelis, and the Jews, are acceptable targets.

What makes them targets is their success in war as well as peace. Had the Israelis lost one of their wars with the Arabs, the Christian world would have shed endless tears of sympathy. The Jews would have been pushed out of the Middle East; many would have died. They would once again have been victims and martyrs, as in the post-1945 period. Instead they won successive victories against much more populous attackers, and then even insisted on keeping, till their peace terms were met, the vast territory that fell into their hands.

Saturday Night editor Robert Fulford.

The non-Jewish world began slowly changing its view. The Jews now could be classed as oppressors, and the Third World countries — having no other problems on their hands — could elevate Zionism to the level of a major world issue, in fact the world issue. At the United Nations, it often seems, more time is spent on Zionism than on all the other troubles of the planet.

In the West, including Canada, Israel's success, and on some issues Israel's apparent intransigence, began to make anti-semitism respectable again. Yet Israel, by any objective standard, had done no more than act as a nation like other nations, defending its rights and the lives of its citizens wherever it could, sometimes wisely, sometimes unwisely.

To a Jew, looking back on this century and earlier ones, the non-Jewish world must seem hard to please. When the Jews were a wandering, stateless, sometimes helpless people, they were persecuted. Now they are a people with a state and in many cases allegiance to that state; they are persecuted for that too.

Certainly Israel is now a bone in the throat of the West. Since the beginning of the oil crisis, West European governments have been slowly edging away from support of Israel, and during the 1970s American support for Israel grew steadily more equivocal.

In 1979 the Clark government's attempt to move the Canadian embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem collapsed quickly under Arab pressure. Editorials condemned the idea as stupid or deviously political or both — and so did, in private, many officials of the external affairs department.

No one raised the question of whether it was right or wrong, whether in fact Israel needed at this difficult moment an unequivocal declaration of friendship from one of the few industrialized countries not totally dependent on Arab oil.

After the Clark government clumsily drew back, the official Jewish community's political credibility fell to its lowest point since the Second World War. Between the lines of the editorial, the newspaper columns, and the letters to the editor, one could read an ominous message: the Jews are making trouble again.

In Germany in the 1920s and 1930s, and to a lesser extent elsewhere in the world, economic hardship and political unrest were often blamed on the Jews. Depending on your political position, you could pick your delusion. From the left, you could decide to see that Jewish bankers had somehow organized the Depression to make themselves rich — the existence of the Rothschilds proved that. From the right, you could simply declare that communism and socialism were Jewish — Karl Marx's Jewishness proved that. In either case, the Jews could take the blame, as in mediaeval times they took the blame for the death of Christ.

In the 1980s a different kind of ecomomic hardship is upon us, this time caused by oil prices. Once again it is possible (as the United Church Observer letter demonstrates) to blame the Jews: all you need to believe is that the Arabs wouldn't have been smart enough to create an oil cartel if Israel hadn't existed. The Jews remain history's favourite scapegoats, a convenience for the ignorant on both left and right who wish to avoid facing unpleasant realities.

At the moment, anti-semitism in Canada remains marginal, and often it hides behind certain masks. But it's growing — and as it has elsewhere, it threatens both the welfare of the Jews and the health of the body politic.

The 14th edition of the Encyclopedia *Britannica declares in effect that anti-semitism is a thing of the past: "The emancipation of the Jews in those countries (of Central Europe) has thus been completed, discriminating legislation has almost disappeared, and . . . (anti-semitic views) have ceased to find any countenance in the governments or, to any appreciable extent, in the better elements of public opinion." The 14th edition was published in 1929.

With the U.S. election completed, Israelis concentrate on own voting

By CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Now that the ballot in the U.S. is over, Israelis can concentrate on their own forthcoming elections, and the fever is already mounting. There is still much that must crystallize but certain scenarios may already be sketched. The first major condition to be faced is that of timing.

If the Knesset votes lack of confidence in the present government, the elections will be held in the spring. This will be a classical confrontation between Likud and Labor in which the two groups will offer the following platforms:

• Likud will ask for the voters' support because it brought peace with Egypt, maintains national security and struggles to keep a strong foothold in the West Bank for the sake of that security. It will explain the nation's economic problems in terms of world conditions, in large part the price of oil.

• Labor will contend that the Camp David agreements signed away too much, and we still have no agreement on the West Bank. Likud policies have caused economic catastrophe, and the country needs a new deal, with more attention to human needs.

The usual 15 or 20 smaller parties will yap around on the fringes and between them pick up enough votes to fragment the Knesset and make a national coalition necessary, with all its bargaining and concessions.

But if the Begin government lasts out the winter and spring, then a whole new scenario is possible. The elections will take place in the fall, and by then there would be sufficient time for one or more new parties to emerge from the wreckage and disillusionment of others.

Despite the political failure of the Yadin-led Democratic Movement there is still a vast electoral yearning for a new party, free from the dogmas and taints of the old, and offering a middle course program between the two extremes. If they could find common ground solid enough for them to stand on together, such a party would be led by Moshe Dayan, Yigal Yadin, Ezer Weizman and other politicians not as well known abroad.

Some of the smaller parties would be prepared to merge into it. Others would join as opportunists, hoping to get on a successful bandwagon. The trouble is that such a party, like the ill-fated Democratic Movement, would be a coalition to begin with, and the cracks would begin to show whenever the party was faced with stresses based on issues of personalities.

There is one other possibility — and everybody in Israel knows it. Everybody agrees it could succeed. It is simple and logical and popular, but if flies in the face of traditional politics, and so the party bosses won't agree. This scenario calls for Yitzhak Navon to resign from the presidency now, a year in advance of the elections, so that he could be a candidate for the premiership after a proper cooling-off period from his present post. The Labor Party would recognize his potential; both Peres and Rabin would shelve their ambitions and their feud and step aside in favor of Navon. The usual party machines behind Peres and Rabin would yield to the new leadership of Navon.

There is not a political pundit in the country who can deny that a Navon-led Labor Party would, for the first time in Israel's history, command a clear majority of the nation's voters, would control the Knesset comfortably, and could govern without the need for a coalition with any minority parties.

It is clear and logical, but there seems little hope at this time that the mainline politicians, nor their underlings who drink at the trough, are prepared to forego their ambitions or their petty powers. And unless an agreement is reached in the weeks immediately ahead, and Navon severs his connection with the presidency now, it will be too late, for he is both legally and morally bound not to trade on the prestige of the presidency as an immediate springboard into active politics.

Navon will not seek party leadership. He will not campaign for it. He will not lift a finger even to encourage others to negotiate it for him. But if a united Labor Party were to have the intelligence to see that this would be both in their interests and in the interests of the national welfare and if they would place his name at the head of their list and pledge him their support — they would breeze to an unprecedented victory in next year's elections.

Letters to the Editor

"Jews have fought for centuries to remain Jews and stay alive"

The Jewish people have struggled through the centuries to remain Jews, and stay alive. Without their own nation, their fundamental approach to life has been underscored by one watchword — SURVIVAL!

To stay alive in the Diaspora meant not only being debased, harassed and humiliated but when the opportunity presented itself, it meant full contribution to the arts and sciences, economics and politics of the nations where they were allowed to exist as free citizens.

And so with the tiny Jewish nation of Israel — the shibboleth remains SURVIVAL! Israeli citizens look to the United Nations peace force ejected by Nasser, the Munich sellout of 1938 as object lessons in security guarantees by the international community. The present UNIFIL force does not keep terrorists from devastating Israeli soil. With few allies, Israel enters the age-old struggle for survival with the pitiful realization that its only guarantee for security is its own will to exist and its control of defensible borders.

Territory in the Israeli perception has nothing to do with conquest or expansion. One need only visit the Golan Heights to understand the critical strategic anomaly of an enemy sitting atop a fortresslike ridge peering down the sights of its artillery at a broad and flat expanse where the slightest movement evokes the old expression — "like shooting fish in a barrel."

Surrounded by enemies that are being provided with sophisticated artillery requires even more urgent attention from a territorial point of view. Israeli geography before 1967 was squeezed into a stretch of coastline about 15 kilometres wide at Netanya to 37 kilometres wide at Haifa. To traverse the north, an enemy would be moving about the same distance from Lakeshore to Wilson Ave.

The paramount importance of Judea-Samaria (West Bank) to Israel has little to do with the romance of ancient times. A pragmatic examination highlights the need for Israeli control of this area. Examine the topography of the land, the location of Israel's population, and the enemy military capability and it becomes simple common sense that if Israel does not have some presence on the West Bank, it is inviting its own destruction.

To the west of the Jordan River is a slice of flat land which contains about 65% of Israel's farming community, its industrial complex and its people. Overlooking this from the east is the ridge of mountains which parallel the Jordan River. From this high ridge Beersheba can be bombarded by cannon, manufacturing and resort centres can be flattened, even coastal cities such as Ashdod can be shelled by 180 milimetre cannon. Air traffic into and out of Israel is totally vulnerable to anti-aircraft missiles located in these hills.

So Israel clings to the West Bank as a natural defence. A military assault emanating from the Judea-Samaria mountains would have before it a plain that could be inundated by mechanized units utilizing inumerable routes to spread across the land and within hours slash Israel in two. To beat off such an attack would mean battling in heavily populated areas.

On the other hand in Israeli possession, the mountains present a formidable barrier against invasion. Eastern slopes are steep and the passes from the east are few. Since the Israeli defence force comprises mainly of reserves, the topography enables a small force to hold out against attack, until the reserves can be mobilized.

The mountains provide constant observation, both visual and electronic to warn the Israelis of attack by air or ground.

No matter what arguments are presented for or against the ancient Jewish claim to Judea and Samaria, or for Israeli settlements on the West Bank, the basic problem for Israel remains how to survive. While Israel is surrounded on three sides by enemies, it is the lay of the land and not its history that will dictate Israel's policy for maintaining its own security.

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I am preparing a historical biography of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swede who saved thosands of Budapest Jews from the Nazis, and I would appreciate correspondence with individuals who had contacta with him. Kindly write me to: The Jewish Week, 1 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016.

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LIGHTS OF REDEMPTION

Israeli youngsters light Chanukah candles at their home near Tel Aviv. Festival of lights begins the evening of Dec. 2.

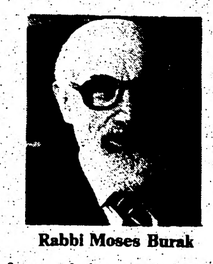
National News

Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: How long is the work day? How long ought it to be?

A look at the Bible will indicate that the work day began at dawn and ended after sunset. Psalm 104:22-23, tells us that "the sun ariseth. . . . Man goes forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening."



Rabbi Moses Burak

This program could be demanded of the laborer for the first five days of the week, but Friday the law was different. The Code Hoshen Mishpat, Chapter 331:1 lays down the law that on erev Shabbes the worker was entitled to get home a little earlier so as to allow him "to fill up a barrel of water, bake a small fish, and light the Sabbath candles."

A long day like this made sense in an agrarian economy. Even today, the farmer is up at dawn, and he does not stop until the light fades. There is an indication that the day was even longer in the building trade. In Nehemiah, 4:15, we are told that when the Second Temple was built, half of the staff held spears for defence, while the other half worked from the morning star to the evening stars. But, Tosfos in Baba Metzia' 83 B explains that the longer hours reflected the love and loyalty to the Beth Hamikdash, rather than a change in the normal building day.

With long hours being the rule and not the exception, we ought to be glad that the unions appeared on the scene, to give man a chance to be something else than a beast of burden. Work is great; work is curative; work is a blessing. But, it must have a measure. A long day, spent in back-breaking toil, leaves man neither the time nor the inclination to do anything else but flop down in dreamless, exhausted sleep. When will he have the time to think, to study, to pray?

This problem was enunciated by Rabbi Shimon ben Yohai in Berachos 35 B: "If a man ploughs in the ploughing season, and sows in the sowing season, and reaps in the reaping season, and threshes in the threshing season, and winnows in the season of wind, what is to become of the Torah?" There just won't be any time available for Torah study. The day is filled with work from early morning to sunset. Then, there is no time for anything else.

Maimonides comes to the rescue by offering us a different curriculum. The Rambam spells out a different timetable. In his Hilchos Talmud Torah, Chapter 1 paragraph 8, he makes it clear that every Jew, rich or poor, healthy or sick, having 20/20 vision or being blind, is obligated to study Torah. Time must be found to satisfy this obligation. No excuses will be accepted.

By the time you reach paragraph 12 of this chapter, you have gained a new view of life, according to the Rambam. He expects you to work at your trade for no more than three hours of the day. The other nine hours are to be devoted to the study of Torah in all its separate branches, if you are a beginner. Once you have become proficient in your Torah studies, you are to devote most of the nine hours to the study of Gemarra.

Civilization depends on the correct and wise use of one's leisure time. The hours can be wasted in ways that lead to self-destruction. If you don't know what to do with your leisure time, work endlessly. If you have the ability to think constructively, learn Torah for nine hours of the day. If you can't make a living by working only three hours a day, the Gaon Elijah Wilno Z. L. will grant you the right to work four hours a day, but no more.

Rabbi Isaac Arieli, in his Eynayim Lemishpat on Berachos, brings us these points of view, and suggests that this may be the meaning of the prayer "hoshanna shalosh sha'os," — help us for three hours that we may earn a living in those hours so as to be free to meditate in the Holy Law for the rest of the day.

$700 campaign leads Rosenberg to victory

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

KITCHENER — Morley Rosenberg, Q.C., is the king of the castle.

"There's no one in this town who can touch me," he says, a hint of condescension in his voice.

There may never be another politician like him around these parts.

Rosenberg, the mayor of Kitchener, about 80 miles west of Toronto, was re-elected last month with the biggest winning margin in the city's 125-year history, outdistancing his nearest opponent by a whopping 16,000 votes.

"Mayoralty race?" The Kitchener-Waterloo Record crowed. "What mayoralty race?"

In his wildest dreams, Ronald Reagan could not have defeated Jimmy Carter in the consummate manner in which Morley Rosenberg trounced David Thornton, an unemployed barber, and Wally (The Ragman) Adlys, occupation unknown. And Rosenberg, the first Jewish mayor of this predominantly ethnic German community, rode to victory on a bargain-basement $700 campaign.

Despite the ease with which he triumphed, Rosenberg was accompanied by a bodyguard during part of the campaign.

A bodyguard in such a nice, placid place? Rosenberg, who was once found guilty of assaulting a fellow lawyer before receiving an absolute discharge, is hesitant to discuss the question. Pressed, he hints darkly that his opponents may have resorted to violence in a bid to unseat him. "I cleared it with the chief of police and he agreed 100% with me," he says, referring to the need to employ what in effect was a bouncer.

A native of Montreal, Rosenberg has been mayor since 1976. He grew up in Hamilton and has lived here for the past 26 years. An alderman for nine years, he was successful in his first attempt at reaching the mayor's office.

There was a time when a Jew wouldn't have had a chance," he says. "Mike Walters, an alderman who was Jewish, ran for mayor in 1965 but lost."

Rosenberg, a hefty 43 who has the look of a German burgher, feels he broke through the crust of accumulated prejudice for two reasons.

The people liked his reform-minded plank, and they were ready to boot out the old clique who controlled Kitchener like a fiefdom. "The incumbent was doing a terrible job. I promised I could provide leadership. The key to my success was timing. The public thought my ideas had merit."

Because Rosenberg wanted to tear down the high bureaucratic wall that he felt insulated government from the electorate, he proposed a ward system based on the strictest accountability. "I brought a measure of democracy to Kitchener," says Rosenberg.

"The bureaucrats at city hall had too much power," he adds. "My victory in 1976 upset them. They thought heads would roll. But they didn't. They realized which way the wind was blowing and adjusted. It has worked out very well."

Rosenberg's appeal also stemmed from his desire to revitalize the rather rundown downtown section of this city of 140,000. "My opponents sought residential development," he says. "Last year, Kitchener had its biggest building boom. My program is well underway."

Finally, Rosenberg called for the construction of a new art centre. The idea caught on. In October, Rosenberg, surrounded by hundreds of supporters, officially opened it, a dream come true.

Success seems to be synonymous with Rosenberg's political career, but this picture isn't really accurate. He's had his share of setbacks.

He joined the NDP in 1961, the year is was established. Rosenberg's Polish-born father, Samuel, was fascinated by the political game and he imparted this excitement to his son. "He was an armchair general," he says.

Although he wasn't a diehard socialist, Rosenberg opted for the NDP because he was disillusioned by the Liberals and the Conservatives. "There wasn't much of a difference between them," he claims.

Federally and provincially, he ran in 1963, 1967, 1968 and 1975, going down to defeat in each election. He wasn't discouraged. "Politics is a very risky occupation and you have to learn how to lose."

In the early 1970s, when he was an alderman, he tried in vain, to save Kitchener's ornate city hall from the wrecker's ball. "We are so prone to ripping down the old and putting up the new without preserving our cultural heritage and traditions," he says, leaning back on a couch in his ultra-modern, cream-colored wall-to-wall carpeted office in a 10-storey red-brick building overlooking Market Square.

[Jerry Bookhout photo]

Kitchener Mayor Morley Rosenberg.

For some reason, his attachment to that mouldering structure aroused fierce opposition. "There were incidents," he recalls warily. "Swastikas were painted on my house. My life was threatened."

On another front, Rosenberg fought a battle in the interests of conservation, taking his case as far as the Supreme Court. He and an MPP, Mac Makarchuk, spent tens of thousands of dollars to prevent the construction of a bridge over the neighboring Elora Gorge. The legal skirmish lasted two years, but the Rosenberg camp was vanquished.

Rosenberg has more than compensated for these losses by being a household name in Kitchener.

"I've gained the trust of the electors, not only as mayor, but as an alderman. I've done my homework, and I've worked around the clock to ensure the people are happy."

He puts in a 60-hour week, leaving just a couple of hours per day for his law practice. Sometimes, Rosenberg is at his desk — flanked by potted trees — even longer. "It depends on the number of chicken dinners," he remarks. "Don't laugh, I've put on 20 pounds in four years."

He is 5 foot 10, and weighs a chunky 190 pounds — a defensive back or halfback in civilian clothing.

In the four years he has been mayor of Kitchener, Rosenberg has done his best to fulfil his promises. But in attempting to do so, he has moved to the right, triggering snide comments.

In the most recent election, one adversary charged that Rosenberg used to be a fighter and gadfly but now "had no starch." In a profile on him, a newspaper reporter writing in The Kitchener-Waterloo Record remarked that he had gone from being a hellion to a patriarch: "Once the gladiator of the political arena winning thumbs-up from the proletariat, Rosenberg is now part of the Establishment."

Rosenberg counters: I'm proud to say I've created a new Establishment. But it's not what you think it is. It involves the people in city government on a grassroots level. It eliminates red tape."

Indeed, he is as open and as available to his constituency as any mayor can possibly be. Rosenberg returns his calls, takes time to chat with petitioners, appears regularly on TV and radio shows and attends citizen-participation neighborhood meetings. "It's like a three-ring circus here sometimes," says one of his secretaries. "He's going all the time."

Rosenberg, a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran University and Osgoode Hall, doesn't think he's lost any of his youthful idealism. "If you don't mellow, the system will eat you up," he notes. "You have to learn how to negotiate, to compromise without sacrificing principles.

I'm idealistic, but I've also grown a little older and wiser."

Today, he describes himself as a small "c" conservative. "Let's say I'm right of centre." Rosenberg says he hasn't been active in the NDP for five years. Several years ago, though, he was asked by members to run against Michael Cassidy in the leadership race. He declined the offer.

To the relief of his opponents, Rosenberg has announced that he will step down in 1982. "There's a time to leave and a time to stay," he explains. "And most politicians don't quite understand this principle. I'm not one to set endurance records."

Federal and provincial Liberals and Conservatives have approached him, but Rosenberg has remained mum, except to indicate he might be interested in running when he completes his term. "Running a city wouldn't be any different than being a cabinet minister," he says, revealing his ambition. "It would be just as stimulating as managing a city."

In the meantime, Rosenberg — the father of three children — intends to carry to fruition his plans to refurbish Kitchener's core, attract more tourists and lure industry.

Earlier this year, he accompanied a trade mission to West Germany and drummed up business. "For many years, I resisted going there," admits Rosenberg, who is active in United Israel Appeal affairs, and who was a founder of Reform Temple Shalom. "As a Jew, I had mixed feelings about Germany and its association with the Holocaust. I thought a trip would be a good opportunity to resolve a few of the conflicts."

German government's new rules to allow indemnification payments

MONTREAL — The West German government has reached a final decision regarding remuneration of Holocaust victims, says the United Restitution Organization.

Jewish victims of persecution who suffered serious health damage and presently in financial difficulty, but were unable to obtain indemnification payments because they submitted their claims after Dec. 31, 1965, are now eligible for remuneration if they comply with BEG (German renumeration law) regulations.

The same applies to those unable to fulfil BEG requirements regarding fixed date and place of residence.

Those eligible will receive payments of up to DM 5,000. (approximately $3,000).

Further details are being worked out, but in the meantime, registration for potential applicants is being taken care of by the United Restitution Organization, at the following locations: **Montreal:** 279 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, H2X 1Y2, (514) 844-2821.

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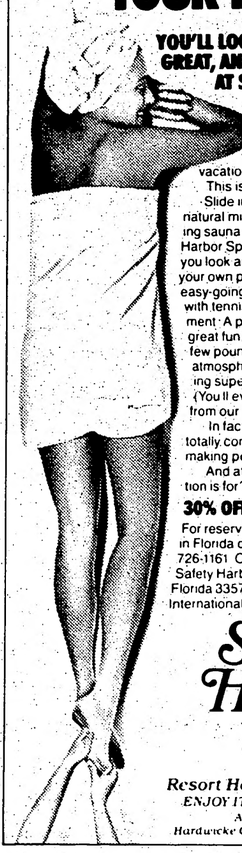

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Children make donations at the Dollars for David booth during recent Pioneer Women's bazaar.

Pioneer Women launch "Dollars for David"

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

For the eighth year, Pioneer Women Na'amat has launched its Chanukah "Dollars for David" program to help children in daycare centres, nurseries and day/night homes and other institutions in Israel sponsored by the organization. The name David is used as a symbol to represent the 21,000 children being cared for in Pioneer Women institutions in Israel.

Since the project was initiated after the Yom Kippur War by Goldie Burstein, the idea has spread to Pioneer Women centres in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Windsor as well as to various locations in the U.S.

Burstein told The CJN she thought of the idea after she visited one of the day/night homes for children near Haifa and saw that the youngsters were clothed and fed but did not seem to have any play equipment, as subsidies from the Israeli government to social services had been cut.

Later, while she was planning her own Chanukah party in Toronto, and noticed her children's rooms full of books, games and records "I thought how much more meaningful it would be if we shared with the underprivileged of Israel, to whom a game, book or toy is a luxury."

Tillie Margolis, national treasurer of Pioneer Women said the bulk of the money used for the project comes from members, who plan parties in their own clubs or with their families.

However, Margolis and Burstein explained that they also go into the Jewish day schools asking the children to donate a small amount. Very often students will give a donation instead of buying their teacher a Chanukah present and the participating classes receive a certificate. (A special card is then sent to the teacher acknowledging the donations.)

"Each year the response gets bigger and better," said Burstein and she added that everyone she has turned to has been "warm and responsive."

In the past, contributions have been received from as far away as the Yukon and Palm Springs.

Last spring, after members of Pioneer Women delivered toys to some of the children, the Canadian women received "gorgeous letters from the kids," said Burstein.

The encouraging motto for this project is: "When you light your menorah also help brighten the life of a child in Israel."

Tax deductible donations to Dollars for David can be sent to Pioneer Women Na'amat in the orange envelope included in this issue of The CJN.

Talks on Soviet situation

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose presented a special report, prepared by the World Praesidium on Soviet Jewry, at the International Review of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (the Helsinki Final Act), being held in Madrid.

Rose reported from London that during his two weeks in Madrid he made extensive contacts with delegates and personalities active in Soviet Jewish life and participated in European and Israeli TV press conferences on the plight of Soviet Jewry.

He said he had met with External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan; Ambassador Louis Rodgers, head of the Canadian mission to the conference; Griffin Bell, leader of the United States delegation; Ambassador Max Kampalman, deputy U.S. head; as well as representatives of European countries.

16 Canadian universities celebrating Jerusalem Day

TORONTO —

Jerusalem Day is being celebrated at 16 university campuses across Canada on Nov. 27 as a "day of public education about the centrality of Jerusalem in Jewish life and a day of solidarity with the united Jewish capital of Jerusalem," says Debbie Saiger, Canadian University Bureau national executive director.

The event is sponsored by the local Jewish student groups and has been co-ordinated by CUB, which is the student office of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and by Network Canada. Participating campuses include the following universities: British Columbia, Calgary, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Windsor, Western, Waterloo, McMaster, Toronto, York, Vanier-Snowdon, Dawson College, Concordia, McGill, Queens and Dalhousie.

Activities include speakers, films, a radio show, and information tables with displays on Jerusalem, Zionism and Middle East politics. York University will have a forum on the status of Jerusalem.

Saiger called the event "a day of support of the peace initiatives," referring to the negotiations which have taken place between Israel and Egypt. Posters being used include such slogans as "O Jerusalem, O Zion, City of Peace," "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" and "Peace is the Zionist Way."

"Canadian students are together and vocal and are acting in unison . . . trying to increase Canadian support of Israel and peace in the Middle East," explained Saiger.

She added that the Nov. 27 date was chosen because it is close to the United Nations day of solidarity with the Palestinians, which is on Nov. 29 (also the anniversary of the 1947 partition plan). "The UN has strayed far from the original principles to promote peace and work for the interest of people's rights and has been used by the PLO to denounce Israel's rights," she said. "We're saying: look at the UN — it's not supporting the peace initiative."

Canadian Labor Congress condemns UN resolution equating Zionism with racism

MONTREAL —

The Canadian Labor Congress, Quebec Federation of Labor and Ontario Federation of Labor, representing several million Canadian workers, have come out against the United Nations resolution which ratified the "World Program of Action on the Status of Women," because of a section it contains equating Zionism with racism.

Canada, the United States and Israel were the only countries that voted against the resolution at the UN General Assembly earlier this month. The program originally was passed at the UN Decade of Women Conference, held in Copenhagen in July.

Clifford Pilkey, president of the OFL, issued a statement which read in part: "Any intelligent person can see through this facade as nothing more than an attack on the State of Israel. Israel, being the only remaining democratic state in the Middle East, should not be subjected to unwarranted attacks by such frivolous resolutions . . ."

CLC president Dennis McDermott, in a telegram to External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan, said his organization feels that "the inclusion of Zionism in the same context as racism is both dangerous and objectionable."

The unions were approached by Bernard Morris, national executive director of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, to oppose the resolution.

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By Miriam Herman

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The association is the official organization representing newly-arrived Jews from the Soviet Union.

The present officers and executive elected at the recent general meeting are **Boris Shkolnikov,** president; **Ludmilla Voilhanski**, vice-president, and **Berta Soroka**, secretary-treasurer. **Ilya Mankovsky** is immediate past president. In addition, there are 25 members of the board of directors who meet regularly on a monthly basis.

The mailing address is 1445 Eglinton Ave. W, Toronto, M6C 2E6, and the phone number is 781-9161. The office is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 - 7 p.m.

IS THIS BOOK YOURS ?

Are there two sisters **Cheryl and Debbie** looking for their copy of the book "Superfudge" signed by author **Judy Blume**? It was left behind during the book-signing at the Jewish Book Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and can be picked up at the Book Fair office. The number is 636-1880, ext. 65.

PTACH MEETING

The first meeting of PTACH (Parents for a Torah Education for all Children) takes place this Sunday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. at Baycrest Terrace in the Fireside Lounge. The group, which is comprised of parents concerned with the Jewish education of the learning disabled children, will be addressed by **Dr. Hillel Goelman**, of York University's faculty of education who has been involved in teaching children with learning disabilities, developing curricula and educational programs.

THE STATE OF THE JEWISH UNION

On Sunday, Nov. 30, the Beth Tzedec Adult Education presents "The State of the Jewish Union" lectures and discussions beginning with a panel discussion at 10 a.m. led by **Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg**. Panelists are **Dr. Henry Weinberg,** associate professor of French at the University of Toronto, who will deal with "Anti-Semitism in the Land of Dreyfus 1980" and **Haim Shaked,** a specialist in Mideast affairs, whose subject is "Israel in the Middle East Setting." In the evening at 8.30, the lecture on the State of the Jewish Union will be delivered by **Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg,** professor and scholar and former president of the American Jewish Congress.

A 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Pudulsker Landsmanshaft Society celebrates its 25th anniversary this Sunday, Nov. 30, with a party, beginning at 6 p.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Pl. A portion of the proceeds from the price of the admission tickets goes to the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. For information and reservations, call **Sam Fenster** at 656-3734.

ABOUT RELIGIOUS CULTS

The annual Arthur Siggner Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, Dec. 3, will focus on "Religious Cults—Threat to Our Youth." Speakers will be **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson; Dr. Saul Levine,** professor of psychiatry, and **Michael Kropfield** of the Montreal Hillel Foundation. Lecture takes place at 8.30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

"SHALOM" ON MTV

The "Shalom" show's Chanukah program airs on MTV Channel 47, Cable 4, on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 6.30 p.m. with a repeat broadcast on Monday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. This is Keren Hatarbut Institute's special Chanukah program in which students of the Beth Tzedec Congregational School are participating .... Please note that from now on, the Shalom show will broadcast every second week because of the lack of funds. Any person who would like to offer financial assitance should contact the associate producer, **Joseph Klinger** at 787-0197.

AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH SYNAGOGUE

Every Wednesday evening at 8, **Rabbi Moshe** conducts a Bible and Commentaries class for university students and young adults at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Background knowledge is not a prerequisite and there is no admission fee. For information, call 787-1631.....On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, the synagogue is sponsoring a Chanukah party for children with their parents and grandparents. In addition to party treats and a magic show, there will be a talk about the holiday of Chanukah by Rabbi Stern. The time is 2 - 4.15 p.m.

DOWNTOWN MINYAN

Every weekday afternoon, Monday-Thursday at 4.30 p.m., there is a minyan downtown at the office of **Benjamin Levinter,** 111 Richmond St. W., for mincha and maariv.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Adath Israel Brotherhood's annual New Year's Eve dinner-dance on Wednesday, Dec. 31, features music by Bill Drew, full course dinner and open bar. For information and reservations, call (evenings only) **Marty Adelman** at 222-2344, **Shelly Lazier** at 667-0099 or **Irv Kasner** at 881-3449.

"CHAI" SHOWS

Take note of these upcoming "Chai" shows on MTV Channel 47 ..... An interview with **Fania Fenelon,** author of "Playing for Time" can be seen on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 10.30 a.m. and again on Monday, Dec. 1, at 1.30 p.m. ..... A Chanukah show with a group of Sephardic children will be shown on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 10.30 a.m. with a repeat on Monday, the 8th, at 1.30 p.m.

NAAM MEETING

A NAAM (North American Aliyah Movement) meeting is slated for Sunday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, Haifa Room. Guest speaker will be **Alan Franklin** who recently returned from a year's stay in Israel. For further information call 781-4660 or 781-4353.

DANCE ENRICHMENT

A special dance enrichment program for retarded children and those with learning disabilities, ages 9-12, is offered by the Koffler Centre School of Dance. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 5.30 at the Koffler Centre at the Jewish Community Centre north branch, on Wednesdays at 5.30 at the south JCC. Classes, which run for a 10-week session, are limited to eight children.

Instructor **Maxine Heppner,** a creative and modern dance teacher at Koffler Centre, has worked with learning disabled and special education children in the North York public school system.

For information, contact **Jacque Foesier** or **Clara Tulloch** at the dance office at 636-1880.

JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Jewish Education Program announces the continuation of its series of Monday evening classes. Women's courses will deal with Bereishis (Genesis) and Kashruth. Men's classes will focus on introductory prayers and Rambam on the foundation of the Torah. All classes are held at 8 p.m. at Beth Jacob High School, 410 Lawrence Ave. W. For information, call Sandy at 781-1081.

BETH SHOLOM HAPPENINGS

Beth Sholom Congregation has arranged a pre-Chanukah Maleveh Malka for Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. complete with dancing and an address by **Rabbi Morton J. Waldman** of New York.....And on Sunday morning, Nov. 30, Rabbi Waldman will be guest speaker at the brotherhood breakfast meeting. That's at 10 a.m.

BOUTIQUE FAIR

To make your Chanukah shopping a lot easier, the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood's boutique fair offers something for everyone. Along with free admission and parking, you'll find good buys in toys, gifts, art, hand knits for children, and much more. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the synagogue.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

The Jewish Vegetarian Society meets on Sunday, Nov. 30, for pot-luck supper and a talk by **Randy Herman** on "The Airola Approach to Vegeteranism." The time is 6 p.m. at 171 Strathearn Rd. For information, call 667-3647.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE FOR WIDOWS

A reminder that the Community Contacts for the Widowed group meets for coffee and conversation with **Fran Salem** every other Sunday morning at the Wagman Centre. The next get-together is scheduled for this Sunday, Nov. 30, at 11.30 in Rooms A and B. This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years. For information, call the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PLIGHT OF THE FALASHA JEWS

At the Adath Israel Brotherhood breakfast meeting this Sunday, the 30th, **Syd Rosen,** director of Men's ORT Ontario Region, will present a slide presentation and discussion on "The Plight of the Falasha Jews in Ethiopia." Services are at 9 a.m. and breakfast at 9.30.

SHAARE ZEDEK WOMEN'S MEETING

The Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation is meeting on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. at 16 Forest Wood. Guest speaker is **Carol Zelniker,** communications and education officer for Canadian B'nai B'rith and the League for Human Rights, who recently returned to Toronto after four years in Israel. To reserve, call 781- 3584.

EVENING WITH PROF. FRIEDGUT

An evening with **Prof. Theodore Friedgut** has been arranged by Friends of Pioneering Israel and the Secular Jewish Association for Sunday, Nov. 30, at 8.30 at the home of **Herb and Dit Sohn,** at 322 Chaplin Cres. (near Eglinton). Prof. Friedgut, a senior lecturer in Russian studies at Hebrew University and a visiting professor in political science at Concordia University in Montreal, will discuss "The Politics and Problems of Soviet Jewish Emigration." RSVP by calling 635-9977 or 636-8953 (evenings).

FILM OF JEWISH ENTERTAINERS

On Sunday, Nov. 30, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is presenting a film anthology of Jewish and international entertainers introduced and presented by **Aldo Maggiorotti.** Showtime is 8 p.m. at the Ontario Science Centre. Get your tickets by calling 636-4800 or 633-3838.

SENIORS, TAKE NOTE

News from Earl Bales Seniors Place - The Nov. 29 dance takes place at the new community centre in Earl Bales Park from 8 p.m. to midnight. For further information, the number is 636-7856..... Daytime activities at the Seniors Place will close for the winter months from Dec. 10 - March 30. The Saturday evening dances and bingo will continue.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club Chanukah dance on Tuesday, Dec. 2, features lunch, with all the trimmings, plus the **George Frank** orchestra. It all begins at 12 noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. For more information, phone **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, is also the date of the Beth Tzedec Friendship Club — 50 meeting at which **Julius Hayman** will speak on "Current Events." The time is 1.15 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., the Beth Sholom Seniors are having a Chanukah party with refreshments and dancing to the **Jerry Lavine** 5-piece orchestra, in the synagogue's Gerald Schwartz auditorium.

Doris' Musical Show, presented by the Centre for Creative Living, is going great guns! Here's a list of the group's December schedule .... so far .... On Monday, Dec. 1, at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., at 1.30 p.m. .... On Tuesday, the 9th, at the Jewish Community Centre north branch at 1.30 p.m. ... And on Thursday, the 18th, they go to Spencer House, 26 Spencer Ave., at 2 p.m. .... All performances are open to the public free of charge. If you want to know more about the group, contact **Doris Fleishman** at 248-4764 or Anne Sussman.

At the Wagman Centre ..... The lecture-discussion program in Yiddish, "Reflections on Jewish Life," continues Monday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. in Rooms A and B with discussion leader **Albert Levovitz** ..... A lecture on "Judaism Enters the 80s" by **Rabbi Moshe Bomzer** is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 30, from 3 - 4 p.m.

CLASSICAL CABARET

Ruth Morawetz is music director of the "Let Us Entertain You with Classical Cabaret" programs running Sunday afternoons at 3 at the Pauline McGibbon Cultural Centre, 86 Lombard St. These programs, blending the standard and classical repertoire, feature top-notch young operatic and musical theatre artists. For reservations and further information, the number to call is 363-7929.

FOR NEWLY-MARRIED

Jewish Family and Child Service Family Life Education Program, in conjunction with Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, is forming a group for newly-married couples, beginning this Sunday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim. Group will be discussing issues related to early marriage. For information, call 781-1592, ext. 244.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

Come to this thought-provoking lecture given by the Human Affairs Department of the Koffler Centre of the Arts of the Jewish Community Centre, north branch. **Marsha Razin** will involve you in the emerging crisis of the Jewish woman on Monday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. For information, you can contact **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880, ext. 33 or 15.

SINGLES EVENTS

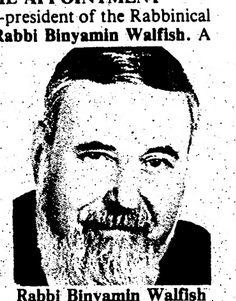
The Young Professionals Club (18-35) is having another one of its exciting parties this Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. at 360 Ridelle Ave., Apt. 1805. For information, call Sheldon at 653-1381 or Rudy at 638-7701.

The Beth Tikvah Chai Group (35-55) has arranged an evening of dramatic readings with actor-writer **Marshall Bruce Evoy** on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

About People

RABBINICAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

The new executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America is **Rabbi Binyamin Walfish.** A graduate of the College of the City of New York, he completed his course work towards a Doctorate at Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University and was ordained in 1949 by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva U.



Rabbi Binyamin Walfish

Rabbi Walfish served as spiritual leader to congregations in Minneapolis, Quebec City and Englewood, N.J. He also was director of new communities of the Community Services Division of Yeshiva University and more recently, associate director of the Rabbinical Council of America. He succeeds the late **Rabbi Israel Klavan** who served as executive vice-president for 30 years.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

When **Ben and Tibel Steinberg** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this month, they marked the occasion by making a contribution to the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Israel. Both active members of Beth Sholom Congregation, they were honored at the synagogue's Shabbat services on Nov. 15 and presented with the gift of a lithograph by **Rabbi David Monson.**

Both born in Russia, the Steinbergs spent the first 20 years of their married life in Kirkland Lake, Ont., before taking up residence in Toronto 30 years ago. The couple has three daughters and sons-in-law — **Rosalyne and Alan Federman, Marilyn and Ike Birenbaum** and **Lyba and David Spring** — and eight grandchildren.

ARTISTS IN THE NEWS

Multi-media artist **Tutzi Seguin** is having a studio art sale this Sunday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 43 Camberwell Rd. (Bathurst and Eglinton area). Part of proceeds will go to ORT, Hadassah, Baycrest and the Cancer Society.

Bronze sculptures by Canadian artist **Esther Wertheimer** are on view at the McDowell Gallery, 2600 Yonge St., until Dec. 4. Born in Lodz, Poland, the artist now lives and works in Montreal and in Pietrasanta, Italy.

At Gallery Soho there's an exhibit of award-winning graphics by **Jack Kuper** who has already made his name as author of "Child of the Holocaust." The show runs to Dec. 2 at the gallery at 327 Queen St. W.

COAST TO COAST

A phone call from **Rabbi Meir Gottesman** informs us that his column "Sparks from the Torah," which originated in The Canadian Jewish News, now runs coast to coast and internationally. The column has appeared in the Western Jewish News of Winnipeg for the past four years and has now been picked up by Vancouver's Western Jewish Bulletin and Buffalo's Jewish Review. And as the rabbi says, he "owes it all to The CJN."

NAMED TO INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Toronto optometrist **Dr. Joshua Josephson,** a noted Canadian authority in his field, has been invited to become a member of the International Society for Contact Lens Research. This exclusive group of 40 of some of the world's most knowledgeable people in the field of contact lens research, had its first meeting in London, England.

Specialists in ocular medicine, biophysics, physiology and polymer chemistry, from many of the major universities and teaching hospitals throughout the world, presented their latest findings. Attendance was limited, by invitation only.

Dr. Josephson is the only Canadian honored with membership in this society.

MATAS-WINNIPEG CHAIR AT TECHNION

Prof. Samuel Sideman, chairman of the department of biomedical engineering at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, has been named the first incumbent of the Technion's Matas-Winnipeg Chair in biomedical engineering. The Matas-Winnipeg Chair was established by the Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society in honor of **Roy Matas,** justice of the Manitoba Court of Appeal, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of the Canadian Technion Society, as well as his distinguished service to Israel, and the Canadian and Winnipeg Jewish communities.

A musical extravaganza will hit the high note of the Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary Chanukah general meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 1.15 p.m. in the Abe Posluns Auditorium at the Centre. Three of the show's 13 performers practice a number at a recent rehearsal. They are, left to right: Ella Himel, Jeanette Newman and her 11-year-old daughter Alexandra. The show was produced, directed and written by WA members in honor of the group's 25th anniversary. For more information about the meeting, call 789-5131, ext. 275, 6, 7.

First class citizens

JERUSALEM [ZINS] — Israel's Oriental Jews are first class citizens now, says Dr. Eliezer ben Rafael, a sociology teacher at Tel Aviv University who specializes in ethnic minorities.

According to Rafael, 20% of Israeli marriages link partners across ethnic lines. About 17% of university students are of Sephardic background, up from 6% in the 1960s.

Seventeen members of the Knesset and two cabinet ministers are of Middle Eastern origin.

However, many Sephardim believe they still have a long way to go. Recently, when newspapers reported that Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzeira, an immigrant from Morocco, was under investigation for alleged corruption, Sephardic Jews called it a plot to smear them. Ashkenazim whispered that corruption is characteristic of Jews from Arab lands.

UJA MISSION REPORT

"To me, UJA is the vehicle for Jewish survival. This trip proved to me that we must have a strong Israel in order to assure the future of the Jewish people all over the world. Israelis are giving their time and their lives; we have a smaller role to play — we have only to give our money. But we must work together for the Jewish State and the Jewish people."

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FACT #2

THIS YEAR, YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UJA WILL HELP MANY THOUSANDS OF JEWS LEAVE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY LIVE WITH HARASSMENT AND FEAR, TO BUILD NEW HOMES

RIGHT HERE IN TORONTO

FACT: Thousands of Jews immigrate to Canada from all parts of the globe: the Soviet Union, North Africa, Argentina and Chile, to name a few. Many hundreds have found their new start in life, right here in Toronto.

FACT: The Jewish Immigrant Aid Service (JIAS) offers assistance from the moment of arrival, meeting new immigrants at the airport; placing them in temporary accommodations; and finding permanent living quarters, as well as essential furnishings and clothing if needed.

FACT: Immigrants can use JIAS services for up to 5 years, if need be.

FACT: JIAS acts as a liaison between the non-English speaking immigrant and Canada Manpower. Much-needed assistance has been provided to countless families and individuals who have since become responsible, contributing members of the Jewish community.

FACT: JIAS is the link to all the services and resources of the Jewish community that can help make their adjustment less awesome. This includes general acclimatization to daily living, as well as rehabilitation, guidance and counselling.

FACT: Great care is taken to assure that new immigrants have access to all local service organizations, community agencies and schools; and to ensure that each person is effectively serviced by these groups.

FACT: UJA helps each new immigrant by supporting the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, Jewish Family and Child Service, Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Camp Council, and the Co-Ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly.

IN ISRAEL

FACT: Aliyah has always been the Jewish Agency's top priority and number one concern.

FACT: Responsibility for the arrival and subsequent absorption of hundreds of thousands of Jews from free world countries–*and especially those coming from countries of distress*–is one of the Jewish Agency's greatest achievements. In the past year alone, over 35,000 immigrants found their new home in Israel.

FACT: The aliyah route for Soviet immigrants is entirely funded by the Jewish Agency Budget and includes: transit centres in Vienna and other cities; room and board; medical services, and counselling.

FACT: Immigrants from lands of distress receive subsidies up to 100% for travel, transport of personal belongings and storage costs.

FACT: Upon arrival in Israel, new immigrants receive accommodation in absorption centres and immigrant hostels throughout the country; ulpan (Hebrew) classes; job counselling; living grants and other forms of assistance, including business and professional loans to help establish a start for a self-sufficient life in the new country.

FACT: Successful integration in employment is emphasized through a wide range of training and retraining programs designed to utilize immigrant talents. Full tuition scholarships are also provided.

FACT: The United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc. with support from UJA, provides funds for three major absorption centres in Israel: one each in Ashdod; East Talpiot, a suburb of Jerusalem; and Ashkelon. These centres help immigrants from around the world establish themselves in Israel.

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Organizations and People

Isaac's Sephardic Chanukah pastry is special treat for upcoming JNF dinner

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Isaac Anidjar [left] and son Joseph display some of their mouth-watering desserts.

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

A Sephardic Chanukah treat will be among the desserts created by Isaac's Bakery for next week's Jewish National Fund Negev dinner honoring Rose Wolfe.

A doughnut-like confection, the round chocolate-coated pastry is as much a part of Chanukah to Sephardim as potato latkes are to Ashkenazim. Another version of this treat, called a ponchkele, is sugar-coated and filled with jelly.

Isaac's Bakery, under the Vaad Hakashruth of the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region, has been serving the community for six years. The cakes and pastries of proprietor Isaac Anidjar have become a mouth-watering legend at synagogue affairs across the city, as well as at weddings, bar mitzvah and birthday celebrations.

His rich and complex creations are also providing an increasing number of people with after-dinner desserts or a good satisfying nosh.

Since the move last year to larger premises, on Bathurst and Rainee, Isaac's has been augmenting its line of traditional French-style pastry with easy-to-eat representations of Cookie Monster, Kermit the Frog and other treats for children. Birthday cakes in the shape of Mickey Mouse or Superman are in great demand.

The bakery's recent foray into bread-making proved an instant success, according to Joseph Anidjar, 27, his father's chief assistant. "Customers say our challahs are out of this world," he told The Canadian Jewish News last week. In addition to rye and black bread, the bakery produces bran and whole wheat loaves, the latter being particularly popular.

The younger Anidjar represents the third generation of a family baking enterprise. It was started in Tangiers, Morocco, about 90 years ago, by his grandfather Rafael.

"Our specialty was French pastry, and we were the only kosher shop in the city," said Anidjar. "As the other bakeries used lard, which is forbidden to observant Moslems, we had almost as many Arabs buying from us as Jews. Among the Arab notables who were our regular clients was King Mohammed V, father of Morocco's present king, Hassan II."

Anidjar explained that bread, customarily baked at home by both Arabs and Jews, was not usually sold at retail outlets.

Isaac Anidjar, his wife Lola and their six children — Joseph, Albert, Luna, Lydia, and the twins Daisy and Ruth, now ranging in age from 25 to 30 — came to Toronto in 1967.

The bakery's current selection of pastry includes: rum babas; japonais, a small round crispy cake filled with hazelnuts; chocolate-walnut crescents; tartes aux pommes, a pastry of apples, almonds, and apricot glazing, shaped like an open flattened scroll; baclava; chocolate-walnut logs; chocolate and coffee eclairs; merengues; and various animal-shaped confections.

Traditional standards are also part of the bakery's fare including: mandelbrot, chocolate-chip cookies, petite fours, rugoloch, napoleons and strawberry tarts.

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The Honorable Joseph P. Sisco and Samuel Miller, featured speakers at a November 16th UJA reception-fund raising event in Toronto, compare notes. The gathering took place at the home of Irving and Gail Gerstein.

Jimmy Kay

To initiate this year's UJA column, I'd like to share with you the uniqueness of a man named Miller: Samuel P. Miller, of Cleveland, Ohio. Remember the name . . . it's blessed with genius.

Sam Miller came to town recently, and in just thirty minutes — standing before a very high-powered group of Toronto Jewish community leaders . . . people who've heard it all before, believe me — crystalized the meanings, and therefore the urgency, of this year's United Jewish Appeal.

I say meanings, because Miller, in his own special way, lifted the veil on the facets of being a Jew.

To be a Jew, he said, was to be a survivor; and he reminded us how among all the ancient civilizations — those of Greece and the Roman Caesars, the Assyrians and the Macedonians — only that of the Jew, and the Jew himself, had survived. The rest gathered dust in the books of some ancient archive.

And to survive, Sam said, the Jew learned to care about his fellow Jew. Because 6000 year's-worth of rebuke and ostracism and attempted eradication had taught him a lesson: if Jew didn't care about Jew, nobody else would.

And from his own experience, Miller took us down that lane, too: pre-World War Two, and the fleeing European Jews of the SS Struma . . . 750 of them, turned away by country after country; torpedoed and drowned, finally. And the Allied High Command . . . secretly begged by a group of international Jews to bomb the hell-hole of Auschwitz; if only one Jew could escape — or even one Gentile — the perverse irony of the act would be a blessing. The request was denied on humane grounds, of course: Auschwitz was located in a civilian area.

Or the 350 Jews aboard the Steamship St. Louis . . . turned back from the Port of New York. Mr. Miller thoughtfully wondered aloud what might have been the public outcry had the ship contained 350 doomed dogs . . . or elephants . . . or **ants**! Somebody, he speculated — some concerned group, some humane society — would have come to the rescue. But not for 350 Jews.

That's right, Sam Miller said . . . nobody cared. Not then, not before . . . not now. Not about the Jews, anyway.

Miller scratched his head and tried to figure it out: "We're not even one-third of one percent of the world's population," he said, ". . . and **still** we're in everybody's way."

So the Jews, according to Sam, learned how to be survivors . . . and how to care for their own, because nobody else would . . . and then they learned one more thing: How to be Masters of The Emergency.

Despite the overtone of the evening, the line got a few chuckles: after all, the purpose of the gathering **was** fund-raising — and sometimes it does seem that we're involved in emergency — this, or emergency that.

In fact Miller addressed himself to this point, and here's what he said: "We're **never** going to run out of emergencies, because when we do — it means we've run out of Jews!"

Let me tell you: Sam Miller wasn't kidding.

Emergencies **have** been our history. Seemingly they always will be, and this year is no exception. Here in Toronto and throughout the Diaspora, the ugly roots of anti-semitism **have** again taken root: swastikas on the wall of the Roberts Research Library and the most despicable graffiti in its washrooms, at U of T . . . KKK cross-burnings in outlying Ontario . . . a plague of anti-semitic incidents in Suffolk County, New York . . . Jewish youths beaten in Marseilles, and the synagogue bomb in Paris . . . swastikas sold as souvineers at an Amsterdam flea-market.

If we're **not** in crisis . . . then what are we?

And Israel: buffeted externally by an oil-hungry world, and facing resultant fiseal havoc at home. Educational services: cut-back. Hospital Services: cut-back. Social services: cut-back.

In Heaven's name — is this anything **but** an emergency.

No, Sam Miller certainly wasn't kidding. And the UJA — the **one** organization capable of dealing with these problems — is looking to everyone of us, to fight back.

The challenge — the emergency — was never more clearly defined. I urge you to join with UJA in answer.

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The history — the success — of this year's campaign will be written in the people who strived to make it work: the Volunteers. In coming weeks, this space will belong to them . . . and more often than not will constitute the only recognition they'll receive for their efforts.

Read about them, and let them know you have. They deserve your good words: we owe them a great debt.

Jimmy Kay

IT'S YOUR UJA

CZF urges rabbis to participate in "Zionist Month" during Kislev

TORONTO —

The Central Region of the Canadian Zionist Federation has declared the month of Kislev as "Zionist Month," and has invited rabbis to participate in a Zionist Shabbat, Nov. 29.

In a desire to broaden the awareness of the Jewish community regarding the creative force of Zionism, the Federation urges rabbis to deliver sermons on this date informing their congregants of the significance of Zionsim as well as some of the significant dates and anniversaries that have taken place during this period.

The following is a list of the important dates:

Oct. 22 — the centennial marking the birth of Ze'ev Vladimir Jabotinsky, statesman, soldier and architect of the State of Israel as well as founder of the Jewish Legion in World War I, Betar and the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Nov. 2 — the 63rd anniversary of the publication of the Balfour Declaration (1917), containing the British government's promise to facilitate the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine; the 28th anniversary of the death of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, scientist, statesman and leader of the Zionist movement and the first president of the State of Israel.

Nov. 10 — the 42nd anniversary of Kristallnacht, the evening when synagogues were destroyed throughout Germany.

Nov. 19 — the third anniversary of the first Begin-Sadat summit meeting in Jerusalem.

Nov. 29 — the 33rd anniversary of the UN vote approving the plan for the partition of Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish and Arab state in the country. (This plan never reached fruition as Jordan and Syria seized the designated area during the war of 1949).

Dec. 1 — the 7th anniversary of the death of David Ben-Gurion, one of the leaders of the labor movement and the Jewish Agency in Israel: first Prime Minister and minister of defence of the State of Israel.

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A menu for your Chanukah dinner

By ESTHER SCHWARTZ

Here's a great way to start your Chanukah dinner!

MUSHROOM COCKTAIL
[Serves 6]

Sauce
2 tbsps. vinegar
½ tsp. red horseradish
2/3 cup ketchup
Blend together in a small bowl and chill.
Lettuce leaves
1½ cups shredded lettuce
12 fresh mushrooms, sliced
Line 6 sherbets with lettuces leaves; layer with shredded lettuce. Arrange about ¼ cup sliced mushrooms atop each. Chill. Just before serving, drizzle with the zesty sauce.

CHANUKAH SALAD

Use canned asparagus tips for candles. Arrange flat on flattened lettuce leaves or finely shredded lettuce. Make tips of carrot to represent flame. Garnish with parsley, olives, radishes. Serve with French dressing. Serve individual salads or arrange on a long platter.

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If you're having a family party, the menu below will feed a large group (15 to 20).

ROAST TURKEY

12 lb. turkey
salt
pepper
powdered ginger
paprika
2 garlic cloves, crushed
lemon
2 tbsps. vegarine-melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Dry turkey thoroughly inside and out. Sprinkle cavity with dry seasonings, rub with crushed garlic and lemon. Stuff cavity and neck. Sew or fasten with skewers. Sprinkle outer surface with dry seasonings. Rub with crushed garlic and lemon. Brush with melted vegarine. Wrap in aluminum foil. Place breast side down in shallow roasting pan.

When half done (about 1½ to 2 hours), turn to brown evenly. Roast another 1½ hours. Rip open foil to allow for additional browning. Baste with sauce and roast for another ½ hour.

SAUCE: Bring to boil ¼ cup honey, 2 tbsps. lemon juice, ½ cup orange juice, pineapple juice or apricot nectar.

POTATO STUFFING

6 medium size potatoes — grated
2 eggs
1 tbsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
½ tsp. powdered ascorbic acid
1 medium onion — minced
½ cup flour
¼ cup chopped parsley
½ cup melted vegarine
Mix all ingredients together. Season with additional salt and pepper to taste. Stuff turkey loosely. This is sufficient for a 10-12 lb. turkey.

SESAME SEED TREATS

Sesame seeds are used for Chanukah just as poppy seeds are traditional for Purim and matzoh farfel for Pesach.

Preheat oven to 350 F
2 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup oil
1 cup plus 2 tbsps. whole wheat flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups toasted sesame seed
½ cup slivered almonds (optional)
1/8 tsp. salt
Beat eggs until light and lemon colored. Add sugar gradually, beating well. Add oil, beat well. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Add to egg mixture. Add vanilla, sesame seeds and almonds.

Oil hands lightly. Roll dough into little strips and shape into crescents. Bake at 350 for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove immediately.

HAPPY CHANUKAH

By JUDITH KNELMAN

For a Chanukah tablecenter, try making a cookie menorah that's edible as well as decorative. Each candle is topped with a "flame" of dried apricot set in a candle-cup that's actually a pitted prune.

If you want the decoration to last through the holiday period, bake some ordinary-sized cookies from the leftover dough. On the last night of Chanukah, the family can attack the centrepiece.

COOKIE MENORAH

2⅔ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup pitted prunes
½ cup dried apricots
¼ cup icing sugar mixed with 2 tsp. water
Cream butter or margarine with sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla until mixture is light. Stir in dry ingredients. Mix until combined. Chill dough at least an hour.

Grease and flour a large cookie sheet. Work with small pieces of dough, keeping the rest in the refrigerator.

Roll dough out to a thickness of about a quarter of an inch. Using a ruler and a sharp knife, cut out the centre candle 10 inches long, an inch wide at the top and widening to an inch and a half at the base. Place this in the middle of the cookie sheet.

Eight candle arms, four on each side branching out from the centre candle, will be needed. Cut strips half an inch wide in graduated lengths from 10 inches from the outermost pair to 4 inches for the inside candles.

Place the first two candles on either side of the midpoint of the centre candle. Place the remaining candles above, leaving half an inch between each pair.

Bend all candles into shape. Cut small triangles of dough and place on top of each candle.

Shape a base 2 inches high and 7 inches wide. Lay this at the base of the centre candle. Press all adjoining pieces firmly together.

Place cookie sheet in freezer for 15 minutes to make dough firm. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes or until pale brown. Run a spatula carefully under the menorah and slide it gently onto a large, flat platter.

To make flames, shape prunes into little cups. Roll an apricot into the centre of each. Dab a little of the icing sugar paste at the bottom of each prune and stick one to each candle top.

Fewer strokes

JERUSALEM (JNI via CZF) —

Fatalities from both heart disease and strokes declined significantly in Israel from 1974-1978, according to a survey conducted at the Sheba Medical Centre.

Researchers credited the decline to earlier diagnosis and treatment of high blood pressure, better diagnostic methods, improved drugs and the increased number of intensive care units in Israeli hospitals.

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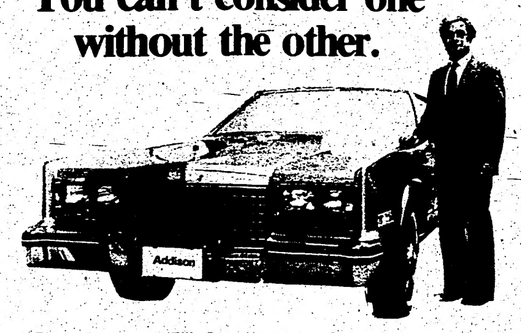

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11-year-old astonishes marathoners

By MARV GLASSMAN

MONTREAL —

Eleven-year-old David Rosman, all of 4 ft. 4 and 55 lbs., astonished the marathon world last September by being the youngest to finish the Montreal Marathon. His time was an impressive 3 hours 45 minutes, over a grueling 26-mile, 385-yard course.

What makes his feat more noteworthy is that he completed a marathon many runners could not complete and finished faster than many runners more than twice his age.

So, young Rosman was quite lucky, and will probably never perform such a feat again, right?

Well, David proved that he was not just a "flash in the pan." He completed the recent United States Marines Corps Marathon in Washington in 3 hours 11 minutes, surpassing his time in Montreal by 34 minutes.

Last year, neither David nor his family imagined that he would be entering a marathon, let alone finishing one. How has he emerged in one year as one of the most promising runners in Canada?

"Last year, David started jogging along the streets with me," said Dr. Michael Rosman, his father. "I noticed that each time he jogged, he kept going faster and faster. I then enrolled him in the Snowdon YMHA Wolfe Pack. To say the very least, practising with the Wolf Pack made David a better runner."

David was amply rewarded after his run in Montreal when David Brownstein, a fellow Wolf Pack runner, became his coach.

Brownstein worked hard with his pupil. David ran the 20-kilometre Quebec juvenile run in 1 hour and 12 minutes before the marathon.

Running is hard work. "I generally run with Mr. Brownstein and the Wolf Pack five days per week, averaging 60-80 miles per week," David said. "Prior to the marathon in Washington, David ran 100 miles the previous week," Dr. Rosman added.

David's life has not changed a great deal since his accomplishments have become known.

"Not in the least," said Mrs. Rosman. "David still has to work hard at school, and we try not to give him any more attention than his brothers and sister."

McGibbon named BB award recipient

TORONTO —

Pauline McGibbon, who recently retired as lieutenant-governor of Ontario, has been named the 1980 recipient of the Canadian B'nai B'rith humanitarian award and will be honored at a formal dinner-dance to be held on Jan. 15 at the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton.

In making the announcement, Ted Greenfield, president of Canadian B'nai B'rith, said Mrs. McGibbon is the first Canadian woman to receive the award.

Greenfield praised Mrs. McGibbon, who has lent both her name and active involvement to countless academic bodies, cultural institutions and service organizations. "She has continuously demonstrated a degree of excellence in all her endeavors that makes her an outstanding role model for Canadian citizens," he said.

Among her many awards and honors, Mrs. McGibbon was the recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award, State of Israel Bonds, 1978, and the Human Relations Award, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, 1978.

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Organizations and People

Rabbi addresses his deaf congregants in sign language

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

About 90 deaf and hearing impaired of all ages recently watched a New York rabbi "sign" a speech that promised that one day they would find their rightful place within Jewish communal life, not just in Toronto but all across North America.

For most of those present, Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, a professor at Hebrew Union College, was the first rabbi who communicted in the sign language of the deaf.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman [centre] converses in sign language with Martin Wayne [left] and Barry Stein.

Hoffman, who was here to lecture at the Holy Blossom Synagogue, delayed his flight home to New York City when he heard that the Toronto Jewish Society for the Hearing Impaired was holding its inaugural program at Council House of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW).

NCJW, Toronto section, began a pilot project during the summer that marked Toronto Jewry's first organized attempt to reach out to the deaf and hearing impaired. Up until that time, this group had been accommodated primarily within the Christian community, said Georgina Grossman, NCJW volunteer co-ordinator.

A one-time rabbi of Beth Or, the first temple for the deaf in New York City, Rabbi Hoffman said he was "happy to see the Toronto Jewish community turning to a challenge that has long been within it."

Hoffman said congregations for the deaf and hearing impaired exist in Chicago and Los Angeles as well as New York City, and there are also part-time congregations in Baltimore, Detroit, Washington, Boston and Cleveland.

He expressed the hope "that Toronto will start its own religious congregation."

He counselled patience as he recalled the struggle of the early days of Beth Or when people would travel up to two hours to go to services in a small room in a temple in New York.

In the early 60s when Beth Or was getting on its feet, he said in an interview with The CJN, one of the major conflicts within the non-hearing community was between those who advocated total communication (which includes signing as well as lip-reading and speaking), and those who would accept only verbal forms of communication.

While the debate has not been fully resolved, Rabbi Hoffman said the popular trend is to support total communication.

Turning to Jewish institutional life, Hoffman said that "high-profile" issues such as Israel and Soviet Jewry had obliterated the problems — and even the presence — of the Jewish deaf.

Internally, the non-hearing community was plagued by problems of lower-than-average incomes, interrupted education and small numbers scattered over large areas. While more and more were finding their way into the mainstream of society, Hoffman suggested, however, that the road ahead is still tough but not insurmountable.

Hoffman said that it was only the Reform movement within mainstream Judaism which had so far assumed any responsibility for training rabbis to work with the deaf and hearing impaired.

Although Hebrew Union College in New York City has a long-range goal of developing a cadre of signing rabbis who would spread all across North America, he commented that the high educational costs have put a damper on developing curriculum.

It's not just teaching sign language, Hoffman stressed, but also special educational techniques, and related subjects such as religious conceptions of deaf people, the psychology of the deaf and counselling that must be taught.

Hoffman described a large body of religious sign language as "Christianized." He illustrated: the word for holiday is represented by the sign for saint; prayer is indicated by putting hands together; Sunday, by signs symbolizing Christ and the crucifixion; and the Bible is described as a Jesus' Book.

It was time, he said, for Jewish scholars and clergy to turn their attention to developing a sign language for the Jewish world.

Drawing on his own personal experience, Hoffman said that learning to communicate Jewish concepts in sign language meant he had to "get behind the verbiage" that his profession was wont to use.

He said the exercise of pictorially representing traditions plunged him into a re-examination of matters that he long took for granted. "If you are going to develop sign language for such expressions as the messianic age, or the chosen people, or a covenant among the nations, then you have to understand what they are all about," he said.

Hoffman's speech, in which he simultaneously spoke as well as signed, evoked drama when he concluded with a story of a poor Polish Jew who desperately searched for elusive treasure.

"We are all looking everywhere for our own treasures," Hoffman said. "But the truth is that the treasure waits for us in our own city, family and friends, and all we have to do is try and find it with the people who love us and whom we love.

"Find that treasure in Toronto, find it with each other," he said, "and you will build on it."

Moved by Hoffman's words, Phil S., 38, a post office employee, said he was inspired. "I wish we had a spiritual leader like him," he said. "Our Jewish identity is important to a lot of us, but it's hard to find the way to express it." Married with two hearing children, Phil regards a Jewish environment important not only for him but his family as well.

Praising The Toronto Jewish Society for the Hearing Impaired for bringing the rabbi to speak, Anne Miller, 35, an employee in the head office of a major department store, indicated she would also enjoy lectures on Jewish history and Bible. A victim of rubella at the age of three, she said she also loved to dance (on special wooden floors) and to sing in sign language.

An old-timer in the community, Joe Rosnick, a spry 80, attempted to set up a club for the Jewish hearing impaired in the 1930s. An independent business man, who became deaf at the age of five after a bout of spinal meningitis, Rosnick said he was "optimistic" about the future of the Jewish deaf community in Toronto.

The time is ripe for bridges to be built between the world of the hearing and non-hearing, he said. He listed such factors as improved organization, more schools and technical innovations such as the TTY telephone system as important steps at integrating the non-hearing into the mainstream of society.

A student at Parkview High School, Daniel Prusin, 16, said, "It is interesting to see a rabbi who knows how to sign." He said he would bring his non-Jewish friends to his new Jewish club. He added that he liked the fact that there were all ages in the club. In particular, he enjoyed the food and playing ping-pong at Council House.

"The rabbi is really a nice man. I wish he would come back," remarked 8-year old Dave Wiesblatt, who although born deaf speaks effortlessly. To the question of whether he would care to come to other meetings where he could be with other non-hearing as well as hearing Jews, Dave quickly replied, "Oh yes, I really had a good time. I want to come."

The Toronto Jewish Society for the Hearing Impaired meets at Council House and is currently planning a pantomime performance for the community at 4700 Bathurst St., at Chanukah. For more information, call the standard or TTY number 633-5100.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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1981 Campaign Appointments

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Jimmy Kay, 1981 UJA Campaign Chairman, has announced with pleasure the appointment of Alan Lerman and Milton Goodman as co-chairmen of the Men's Apparel Division.

Former civil servant named director of B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights

TORONTO —

Arthur Hiess, former intergovernmental affairs officer for the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, has been appointed director of the Eastern Region of Canadian B'nai B'rith/League for Human Rights.

Hiess, 32, assumed his position earlier this month.

As regional director, Hiess will be responsible for representing the interests of the organization in the province of Quebec. His duties will encompass the integration and co-ordination of national B'nai B'rith projects at the provincial level, as well as liason with community groups and government bodies.

In assuming the directorship of the Eastern Region of the League for Human Rights, Hiess will co-ordinate and implement various educational and community action programs to promote the league's objectives of combating racism, bigotry and anti-semitism in Canada.

During his academic years at Montreal's Concordia University, Hiess was a member of the Graduate History Society and the Canadian Historical Association. He has co-ordinated an audio-visual presentation and lectured on Jewish immigrant life in the 19th century in Montreal.

Fluently bilingual, Hiess has served as a volunteer community organizer and advisor to tenants and civic groups in Ottawa and Montreal.

Born in Poland, where his father was a member of the Jewish underground, he came with his family to settle in Canada in 1951.

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Speaker - DR. HENRY WEINBERG, Associate Professor of French at the University of Toronto.

2. "ISRAEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST SETTING"
Speaker - DR. HAIM SHAKED, Tel Aviv University.
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(RABBI J. BENJAMIN FRIEDBERG will act as Commentator for the above two events.)

8:30 p.m.

3. "THE STATE OF THE JEWISH UNION". Guest Lecturer - DR. ARTHUR HERTZBERG, Rabbi, Professor and Scholar, is former President of the American Jewish Congress and author of *"THE ZIONIST IDEA"* and *"THE FRENCH ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE JEWS."*

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Host Irving Gerstein addresses UJA gathering. Seen in the background are Samuel Miller [left] and Joseph Sisco.

Israel-Egypt accord significant for peace, says Joseph Sisco

TORONTO — The Israel-Egypt (Camp David) peace accord is the most far-reaching development in Middle East affairs since the establishment of the State of Israel.

This was the message that Joseph P. Sisco, former undersecretary of state under Henry Kissinger, and Kissinger's deputy during the famed shuttle period, brought to a gathering of Toronto Jewish community leaders, at a United Jewish Appeal fund raising reception.

While Sisco devoted himself to a Middle East perspective, the next speaker, Samuel Miller, of Cleveland, a noted philanthropist and businessman, concentrated on matters affecting the worldwide Jewish community.

In tandem, the pair proved an effective combination: the 100 Torontonians attending the affair [at the home of the Irving Gersteins] responded with a 25% increase in pledges over their previous year's UJA contribution.

Sisco assessed the Camp David accords as having accomplished more toward Middle East peace in the past five years than any other event in the past 30. It was also his judgment that war — as long as Israel and Egypt continued to work within the treaty framework — was no longer a viable option for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat . . . especially in view of growing Egyptian-U.S. relations.

Turning to Israel's perpetually antagonistic neighbor, Syria, which still considers itself at war with the Israelis, Sisco indicated that Assad wanted no part of a conflict he could neither win nor afford.

In fact, declared Sisco, Assad lives in constant fear that Syrian association with the PLO presence in Lebanon could lead indirectly to a revival of hostilities with Israel.

In addressing himself to the future policies of the incoming Reagan administration, Sisco first cautioned his audience to keep in mind the president-to-be's immediate task, as overwhelmingly mandated by American voters: restoring at home and abroad a sense of strength and credibility, while coping with the necessity of dependence on Third World oil.

Sisco forecast a Republican president with a firm commitment to Israel and the Camp David accords; he also predicted a restored and more co-ordinated dialogue between the U.S. and Israel: ". . . not as in the previous administration."

During his 45 minute-talk, the former career diplomat also touched on aspects of Russia's involvement in Afghanistan, and the Iran-Iraq war, which he sees in continued conflict for some time to come.

Miller electrified the audience by relating his own experiences while (voluntarily) working on behalf of oppressed Jews. At various times, his efforts landed him in a Russian prison and an Hungarian jail, and periodically he operated sub-rosa, in dangerous circumstances, to accomplish his missions.

The Cleveland philanthropist-businessman — who was the first U.S. officer to lead his troops through the gates of World War II's infamous Matthausen concentration camp — brought home the continuing need for community support to the UJA.

Story of Maccabees reflects spirit of faith

By RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

The historical background of the Chanukah festival is to be found in two books of the Apocrypha, Maccabees I and II. They contain a detailed record of the heroic battles which the Maccabee brothers fought and won.

These books are worthy of study. Both are remarkable for the way they reflect the strong spirit of faith that moved the Maccabees in their campaigns.

In Maccabees II, Chapter 10, the rededication of the Temple is thus described: "And they celebrated it for eight days with gladness like unto a feast of Tabernacles, remembering how, not long before, they had been wandering like wild beasts in the mountains and the caves." Josephus, who wrote his history nearly two centuries later, also speaks of the "liberty beyond our hopes that appeared to us."

Rabbi Korolnek

Yet, when the Talmud makes reference to the celebration of Chanukah, the Maccabee victories are passed over in silence. All they speak of, in giving reason for its celebration, is the little cruse of unpolluted oil, sufficient for one day, that lasted in the Menorah for eight.

The reason for this reticence is not difficult to discern. The Hasmonean brothers had rendered a great service to their people and their faith. One by one, these five sons of Mattathias lost their lives. When Simon, the last surviving brother, met his end, he left a country that had, after several centuries, regained its independence. It was a country whose friendship and alliance was sought — a country united and prospering.

But such is the instability of human affairs that within a century their descendants, the Hasmonean Kings, had frittered away this heritage. Through petty rivalries and vain ambitions, Jewish national independence was lost to the rising power of Rome. The final result was the destruction of the Second Temple, and the ultimate exile of the Jew from his Holy Land.

Small wonder, then that the rabbis of the third century CE, looking for the permanent values enshrined in the Chanukah story, found them not in the military victories of the Maccabees, but in the cause for which they fought.

That little cruse of oil that kept the light in the Temple burning long beyond its expected time, has, ever since, become the symbol of the light of Israel's faith.

Enemies of the Jews thought that its light was for one day only. Having spread its light to its daughter religions, they assumed that its function was over, that it would burn no more.

Through the long painful centuries we have persisted and kept our flame of faith alive. Sometimes it flickers and burns dangerously low. Yet when one branch of our menorah is extinguished, another blazes up with light.

Fittingly, the symbol of Israel reborn is the menorah. For the Jew is no lover of battles for their own sake. Like Mattathias of old, there is nothing he would like better than to be allowed to live in peace and pursue the deeper aims of his existence.

Ad writer wins juicy award

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Brenda Hoffert

TORONTO — This past summer in Brussels, when Brenda Hoffert accepted an International Cleo, "the academy award of commercialdom," for her Allen's Appletime radio jingle, her family, more than most, could appreciate the honor.

Husband Paul, who was associated with the Lighthouse rock group for a number of years, is a successful composer-arranger, and sons David, 17, and Brian, 15, have formed their own band, the Yobs.

The Hoffert family lives and breathes contemporary music and its offshoot — the radio and TV commercials which Brenda and Paul, too, conceive.

A grand piano fills the front window of their living room. Some guitars are set casually against the comfortable sofa. Thousands of records are massed in an antique cabinet, and sophisticated 8-track recording equipment reaches almost to the ceiling. A vivd mural capturing the excitement of a rock group dominates the scene.

In the midst of this sits Brenda, wife, mother, and word-technician extraordinaire, in soft sweater, gaucho pants and spike-heeled boots.

Brenda did not have a musical background, but studied dramatics as a youngster, appearing on Children's Theatre of the Air in the late 50s. When she tired of that ("I needed to breathe, to explore other fields"), she turned to writing.

The Hoffert marriage was peripatetic. Paul, involved with Lighthouse, was obliged to travel across the continent "300 out of 365 days a year." Brenda, with two young sons, made every effort to accompany him.

When Lighthouse needed material for its first album, Brenda collaborated with Paul. Gradually they developed a working arrangement: Paul wrote the music and Brenda the words. Later, their talents overlapped. At 30, Brenda embarked on piano lessons, completed Grade 8, and developed a working knowledge which enables her to contribute music as well as lyrics.

Last summer, with Don Francks, his daughter, Cree, and additional entertainers, they cut a children's disc, I Lost my Pet Lizard, which sold 15,000 records in three weeks before the distributor went bankrupt and promotion ceased. However, Pickwick Records is now doing a single, a French-based company is interested, and there will be a release in Holland with dubbed words. The Hofferts themselves hope to promote it again here when they have time.

Paul and Brenda, with Ralph Cole, are now in their second year as a music team for Morgan Earl Sounds, a jingle house which produces radio and television commercials.

They have written commercials for Levis, Coffee Crisp, and Carlsberg beer. Brenda particularly enjoys doing TV voice-overs.

Husband and wife wrote music and lyrics for the film Outrageous, featuring Craig Russell. And they also worked on the TV movie Wild Horse Hank, starring Linda Blair and Richard Crenna, which is due for release soon.

Brenda, who says she "Relishes every new project," is now turning her attention to opera!

"It's going to be contemporary classical, and I'm in the process of really thinking about the characters. The story involves a woman in her mid-30s who discovers that she is pregnant, and she is having problems with her marriage. I may yet decide to do it as a musical or screen play. Paul will write the music. We like to take on a major project once a year."

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Notice to French-Speaking Ratepayers of the City of North York

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of French-speaking ratepayers of North York will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 December 1980, in the cafetorium of Ecole Secondaire Etienne Brûlé, 300 Banbury Road, Willowdale.

The meeting is called in compliance with Section 257 of The Education Act, 1974.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect six French-speaking ratepayers to an Advisory Committee to the North York Board of Education which will also comprise members appointed by the Board.

The function of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Board with respect to ways and means of meeting the educational and cultural needs of French-speaking pupils within North York.

L. Crawford, Chairman — K. Kingsley, Director

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Cette assemblée est convoquée selon la loi sur l'éducation, The Education Act, 1974, s. 257.

L'assemblée a pour but l'élection de six contribuables francophones de North York à un comité consultatif de langue française du conseil scolaire de North York qui comprendra aussi des membres nommés par le conseil scolaire de North York.

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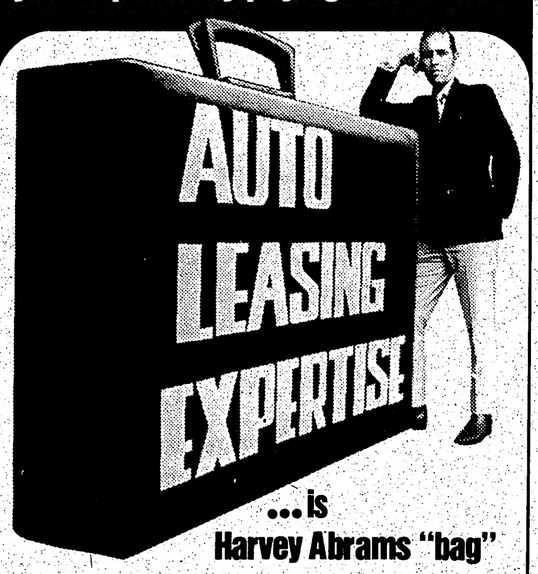

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Chanukah Greetings

[Shuki Kook photo]

This health food store in Jerusalem offers much variety.

More and more Israelis now adopt lifestyle of vegetarians

Jerusalemite Dvora Waysman, one of the most popular Israel-based English language writers, turns her attention — and ours — to Israeli vegetarianism, asking whether a new life-style is actually emerging in Israel.

Once the only question an Israeli might be expected to ask a potential dinner guest was: "Do you keep kosher?" Today, just as common, is the question: "Are you a vegetarian?" Many Israelis, for a variety of reasons, are turning both to vegetarianism and its more extreme form, natural foods, whose adherents restrict themselves to a diet of raw fruits, nuts, grains and vegetables. Why?

Some do it for health reasons; some out of a humane desire that the animal or fish should be killed to satisfy their appetite; some because they distrust the "kashrut" of the meat offered for sale and others because they are concerned by frequent reports of the poor handling, transportation and lack of supervision of the meat that is offered for sale. Whatever the reason, this new life-style of vegetarianism is emerging in Israel and proprietors of the increasing number of health food shops, restaurants and vegetarian holiday resorts couldn't be happier.

Dolly Hirsch is the proprietor of one such store in Jerusalm's Jaffa Road. It was interesting to learn that at least 25% of her customers are Hassidim. "They don't come in like most of our customers, asking what the different products are for. They know exactly what they want and what to do with it, and buy such items as wheatgerm, brewer's yeast, molasses and wholemeal flour by the kilo."

Naomi, who works at the store, also comments that a big proportion of the customers are young people — "back-packers" she describes them. This is surprising as one usually associates this age group with the junk food so much loved by American teenagers. A recent report from the U.S. cites a new "junk food disease" appearing in adolescents there — a kind of marginal malnutrition almost akin to beri-beri. Doctors there ascribe it to thiamin deficiencies linked to the youngsters' diets of high-calorie, nutritionally deficient, sugar-laden drinks, pastries and candies, and snack foods such as potato chips and pretzels. Israel hasn't gone that far as yet.

Many of Israel's youngsters who are turning to natural foods, come by way of the cosmetician. Perhaps because of skin blemishes, they are advised to try such products as avocado or papaya cream — also stocked by health food stores — and when they get results from such creams externally, become convinced that an internal food or vegetarian diet must also be beneficial. Others start off because of allergies, and have diets worked out for them by naturopaths, who believe that most conditions can be cured without resorting to drugs.

Many people are drawn to vegetarian diets as a way of slimming. Beit Frumer in Ashkelon was started by a doctor — a former South African — who was one of the earliest adherents of the belief that this was the key to a healthy, slim body. Beit Frumer combines their holidays with a slimming program that consists of a strict vegetarian diet and enjoyable health-promoting activities such as yoga, swimming, gymnastics, cycling and creative dancing. Each diet is individualized according to the amount of weight a person needs to lose, and all are under medical supervision. Conversely, they have a vegetarian program for those rare clients who need to gain weight.

Amirim is a village near Safed in Galilee, dedicated entirely to the vegetarian way of life. Regular holiday accommodation is provided there, and a few select families open their dining-room to visitors. Many of the inhabitants are so strict that they do not eat any animal by-products at all — milk, eggs and cheese are taboo. They drink either water from the village well or a mint tea beverage, and grow much of their own fruit and vegetables.

It is a mistaken belief that a natural food adherent eats cheaply. Health foods are quite expensive; but become less so when you learn how to prepare them yourself. Most vegetarians know how to make their own version of muesli, granola, wholewheat bread and confectionary from chopped dried fruits, flavored with powdered carob and rolled in dessicated coconut.

At one time, there was a chain of vegetarian restaurants overseas known as "Cranks" — the name given to unusual, slightly mad people with whom vegetaranism was then associated. Today, with Israel's growing trend to natural and health foods, no one labels these people either unusual or slightly mad. Perhaps they have the secret of long, healthy lives that we would all do well to emulate.

Coin collecting a billion dollar industry

Israel mints commemorative medals

By SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM —

Numismatism, or in layman's language coin collecting, is now a billion dollar worldwide industry — coin crazy commemorative medals, as well as the traditional coins of currency.

Israel has successfully carved for herself a lucrative share of this fast expanding market. The Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation has for the past 20 years been minting medals that commemorate a wide range of events, places, people and institutions. In addition, the Bank of Israel issues annually special silver coins to mark Chanukah an Independence Day.

"The medals serve as important media for communicating about Israel, its history, culture and achievements, to both Jewish and non-Jewish people in all parts of the Western world," observes Eliezer Shiloni, director general of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation.

The medals and coins are minted in silver, bronze and sometimes gold. Millions of them are sold each year. Half of them to Americans, 10% to Europeans and the rest are snapped up by Israelis themselves. The corporation has 100,000 subscribers who receive a discount on all their purchases. These people are avid collectors, who buy at least one copy of each of the dozen or so coins that are minted each year.

On average, a bronze coin costs $7, a silver one $90, while a gold coin weighs in at a rather expensive $400. All the same, there are thousands of Israelis who buy every coin, including the several that are issued each year in gold.

While half of the market is cornered by these hardened collectors, the other half comprises the souvenir buyers. These, of course, include tourists, as well as local people, buying the odd gift. In this vein the bar mitzvah and wedding medals are particularly popular.

"Collecting these medals and coins is in many ways similar to collecting stamps," explains Aviva Blum, advertising manager of the corporation. "Already there are two weekly newspapers in America that cater for the interests of the numismatist. But while stamps, however valuable, are just pieces of paper and many coins are only faded lumps of medal, commemorative medals are artistically designed and attractive."

A medal commemorating the 250th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the U.S. in 1905 is part of the Friedenberg collection of coins and medals permanently on exhibit at New York's Jewish Museum. [Religious News Service photo]

Indeed, the medals are also literally worth their weight in gold. Any medal contains 90% of the relevant mineral. Yet the recent surges and slumps of gold and silver on the world markets has in no way affected sales of the medals. Despite the fact that the value of the medals is inextricably linked to the prices of gold and silver, speculators seem to steer clear of the commodity, leaving them as the preserve of collectors and gift hunters.

Over the years, the medals issued have included a multitude of Jewish and Israeli themes. There are medals that bear the heads of Herzl and Weizmann; that depict places like Masada and the Knesset; that celebrate such victories and achievements as the Six Day War and the Entebbe raid; that recall the suffering of the Holocaust and the plight of Soviet Jewry; that reflect institutions like El Al and the Hebrew University.

A complete collection contains not only a gallery of Jewish and Israeli history but also some Christian themes.

It is worth noting that the recent currency change over to the shekel was anticipated in modern Israel as long ago as 1961 by the issue of a commemorative half-shekel coin.

Perhaps the most important aspect is that the profits made by the government-owned coin and medal corporation, rather than lining the pockets of enterprising businessman, are earmarked to fund the restoration of ancient monuments and archaeological reserch. Appropriately, the coins and medals enrich the culture that they depict.

Berger aeronautics chair gets its first appointee

HAIFA —

Prof. Shmuel J. Merhav has been chosen the first incumbent of the Stephen E. Berger chair in aeronautical engineering at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

The Berger chair is named for the prominent Toronto Jewish communal leader, engineer and businessman.

A member of the Technion's department of aeronautical engineering since 1971, Merhav holds degrees from both the Technion and the University of Cambridge. Prior to coming to the Technion, he held senior positions in the Israel ministry of defence and the Armaments Development Authority.

He recently was awarded a National Aeronautics and Space Administration commendation for "an inventive contribution to autonomous navigation systems."

Stephen, Berger, born in Hungary, came to Canada in 1944, and began work as a research engineer with the Ontario Hydro Commission. A year later, he founded his own business, Toronto Toy Ltd. After 10 years he sold it, and became general manager of Amcan Holdings Ltd.

In addition to his connection with the Technion, Berger has served and serves on the United Jewish Appeal, Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Toronto Jewish Congress, Toronto Board of Jewish Education and is an honorary lifetime member of the Technion board of governors.

New owners open camp

TORONTO —

Camp Tamarack, north of Bracebridge, Ont., will open in late June for boys and girls, ages 6 to 12, under the auspices of new owners Howard Kates and Shelly Bender.

The 8-week camp, just off of Highway 117 and two hours from Toronto, will specialize in waterfront and land sports and fine arts, geared for the junior camper, said Kates.

Up to 250 campers and 125 staff can be accommodated in cabins with electricity. Washroom facilities are 20 feet from each cabin, he added.

Children can attend camp for two, four, six or eight weeks. Kates explained there is a "slight incentive" for August enrolment, which has traditionally been lower, and a 5% discount for families sending more than one child. Arrangements can also be made for people who have difficulty meeting the payment schedule, he added.

Attending for two weeks, in August only, will cost $450 for the first two weeks and $425 for the second two weeks. The 4-week period in July costs $800 and in August $750. Six weeks costs $1,175 and eight weeks is $1,325.

Kates said the amount of Jewish content offered in the program "depends on the demand from parents."

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Kibbutz sells furniture to shuls all over world

By DVORA WAYSMAN

TIBERIAS —

"How clever of you to build a kibbutz in such a beautiful park" is a common remark of tourists visting Kibbutz Lavi, between Tiberias and Nazareth in Lower Galilee. Little do they realize that it worked the other way — the site, originally selected for them in 1949 by the authorities on the basis of strategic considerations, was just a barren hill, its two main features a surfeit of stones and the absence of water.

Kibbutz Lavi (the name dates back to the Jerusalem Talmud and means "lion cub") was founded in 1949 by 50 settlers from England, who were members of Bachad — B'nei Akiva religious Zionist Movement.

The site allowed them to control movement on the main road from Tiberias to Nazareth and Haifa in those troublesome and dangerous days.

Stone after stone was removed by hand to clear tracts of land which today are fields, gardens and orchards. Water was brought in a tank on the back of a truck until — after several years — a spring of fresh clean water was discovered which still supplies the kibbutz along a 12-mile pipeline.

Kibbutz Lavi's beautiful synagogue was built in 1959. The design was based on the ruins of synagogues dotted all over Galilee, dating back to the first and second centuries C.E. The members did all the woodwork themselves — the beautiful Aron Kodesh and the seating, never dreaming that this would lead to the establishment of their new industry.

Today Kibbutz Lavi is the largest manufacturer of synagogue furniture in Israel, and also some 30 synagogues throughout the world, as well as about 450 synagogues and institutions in Israel itself.

Production manager and design engineer is Moshe Devere, a genial kibbutznik who came from the United States in 1966. Although he had no formal background experience, he became proficient with on-the-job training, as well as reading extensively all the latest technological literature and taking special courses from time to time. The enterprise has recently been branching out into contemporary furniture but this will always be secondary to Lavi's speciality — synagogue furniture.

The factory, operated by 30 workers, is a big complex, of which Moshe Devere is justly proud. The noise level is high, and all the workers wear earmuffs as they operate enormous automated lathes, planers, drills and routers. The machinery is the latest available including a Savi guillotine cutter imported from Denmark and a Sandingmaster from Holland.

Most of the lumber used in the benches is beech, imported from Yugoslavia. It is a hard wood with an attractive grain, and is one of the few types of wood available that people can still afford to buy, as it costs half the price of teak or oak.

The factory boasts a large kiln in which lumber is dried out for several weeks. This makes the wood hydroscopically balanced for the Israel climate — the end products can then be used in synagogues as far apart as on the coast or in the middle of the desert, with no chance of the wood cracking or warping.

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The factory, which concentrates on synagogue and yeshiva benches and lecterns, brings in artisans and craftsmen from outside the kibbutz for special jobs. Every effort is made to ensure that the furniture is strong, comfortable and aesthetically pleasing, befitting a house of worship.

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Before accepting an order, a representative of the factory always visits the synagogue to discuss the design of the furniture. The result — worshippers in 500 synagogues all over the Jewish world are witness to the beauty and durability of furniture produced by Kibbutz Lavi in the hills of Galilee.

International market opens for jewelry and ceremonial objects by Israeli artisans

By JAMES A. LEWIN

TEL AVIV —

Since the Bible singled out Bezalel as the artisan who fashioned the original gold and silver ornaments of the Holy Tabernacle, jewelry and metal work has been of special interest in Jewish culture.

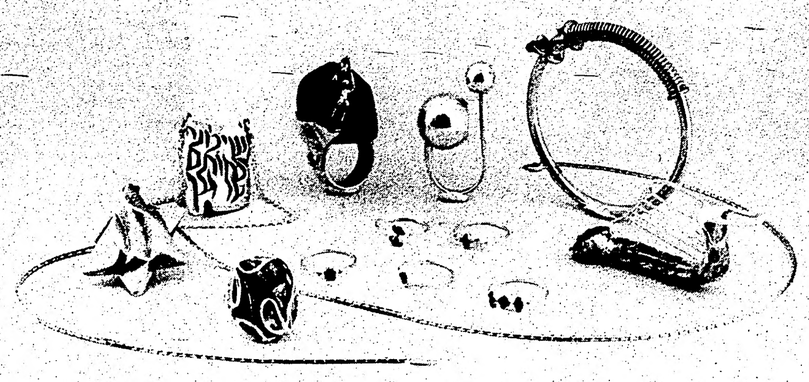
Today, this age old craft has become a leading item for export from Israel. With a tradition of expertise brought by master craftsmen from both European and Oriental sources, Israel has found something special to offer the world market. The time has passed when gifts from Israel were often limited to blue-patina brass menorahs or machine-stamped silver bracelets and rings.

At last, new chapters are now being written in Israel's jewelry industry and this has been one of the prime causes for the country's steadily improving balance of polished gem-stones, either unset or incorporated with unique craftsmanship.

Israel's original jewelry has found an internatioanl market which is growing in leaps and bounds.

Israeli stylings range from the austerely modern to baroque filligree, in gold, silver and other metals, with and without stones. Furthermore, the perennial need for Jewish ceremonial objects such as kiddush cups, candlesticks, Torah crowns, mezuzoth and spice boxes, is now being met by individual artisans who carry this centuries-old tradition of artistic craftsmanshhip into the contemporary world.

One of the most talented young artisans working in silver and gold in Israel today, Michael Ende, says there has always been a great potential for jewelry in Israel and that this year's growth has been most dramatic.



Israeli jewelry is making a first-class name for itself all over the world.

Israel's jewelry industry has increased exports from a meager $3 million in 1975 to approximately $80 million last year. And the rate of growth is still increasing, perhaps to $120 million this year and as high as $250 million by 1985.

These figures indicate a significant chance for righting Israel's balance of trade. One of the main reasons for the increase in business is the initiation in 1976 of the U.S. governments's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) which exempts import duty on many items from developing countries — a category which includes Israel.

The most popular item for export has been the gold chain — as well as gold, silver and platinum bracelets, brooches, bangles, rings, earings, cufflinks and stick pins. These are manufactured at approximately 400 plants of all sizes throughout the country. The U.S. is the main market but exporters are also developing possibilities in Japan, Canada, Australia and South Africa.

The stylistic inspiration for much of Israeli jewelry, as well as a good part of the manufacturing machinery and equipment, originate in Italy, which is the largest jewelry exporter to American markets. Along with the Italian techniques, the Israeli jewelry relies on the skill of master Jewish craftsmen from different cultures and parts of the globe.

Born in Israel in 1945, Michael Ende represents Israel's original craftsmanship at its best, combining in an original style the best influence of European and Middle Eastern Jewish tradition.

Ende specializes in Jewish ceremonial pieces from innovative amulets — such as one in gold, which he wears himself, depicting the Lion of Judea — to amazingly intricate spiceboxes which open up into Chanukah menorahs, kiddush cups and Sabbath lamps. He has sold his work to museums, synagogues and private collectors throughout the world.

Michael Ende says that Jerusalem itself is his greatest inspiration, giving him the sense of connection to ancient times; he feels that ceremonial art is one of the main ways for Jewish life to find continuity and keep tradition alive. Israeli mass produced jewelry is as good as any in the world, Ende adds, but it is the original designs and hand made excellence which give Israeli gold and silver work a special quantity in its search to conquer international markets.

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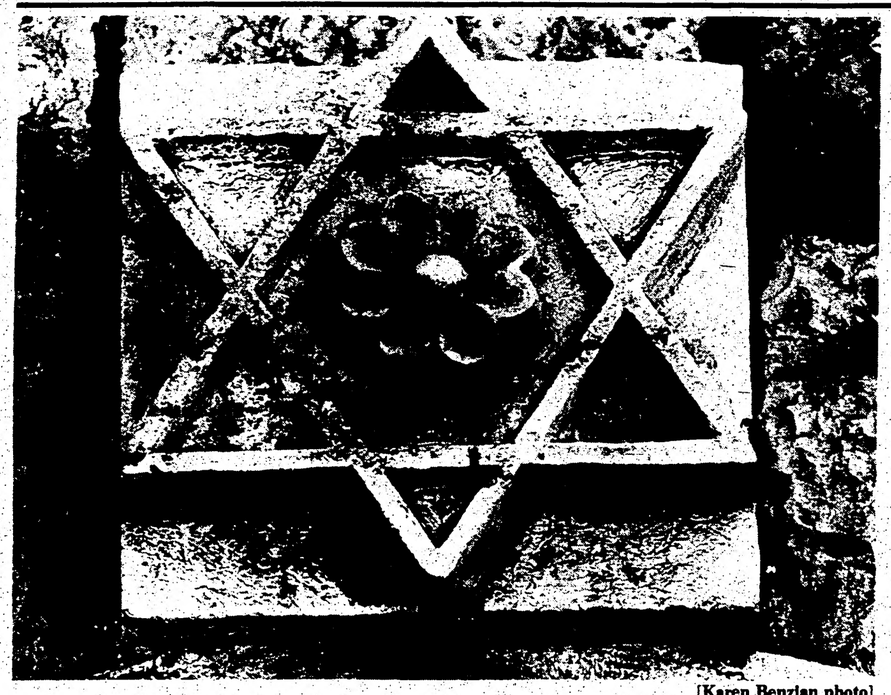

[Karen Benzian photo]

This Magen David adorned a house in Jerusalem near the Turkish baths.

Traditional symbol of salvation, Magen David has many facets

By J. A. LEWIN

Writer J. A. Lewin looks into the history and significance of the Magen David — shield of David — and comes up with some interesting information.

The symbol is not, contrary to popular belief, of exclusively Jewish origin nor has it been widely used in Jewish tradition before the latter part of the 19th century.

Moreover, there is much mysticism behind the development of the Magen David and some of these mysteries are hard to fathom for the uninitiated.

Lewin tells the story.

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"A star steps forth from Jacob ..." according to Numbers 24:17, prophesies the redemption of humanity through the seed of Israel.

The six-pointed Magen David is a symbol of that salvation. What does it represent? Many mysteries revolving around the union of the upper and lower forces.

Since medieval times it has been used as an amulet to ensure health and prosperity. Arabic magicians have drawn on it as a source of occult power. In terms of the kabbalistic terminology of Rabbi Yitzchak Luria, the Holy Lion of Sfad, it mystically represents malkuth or sovereignty in the exact centre of the two equilateral triangles which represent the other six mystical centres of the Eternal body.

Only those who are privy to the secrets of esoteric lore may know for certain all the implications. But to understand mysteries, one must be initiated by a person who knows . . .

A shaggy old man in a kibbutz cap sits down beside you on a park bench and begins growling kabbalistic secrets in your ear.

How much can you understand? In the subconscious, we sense that the six-pointed star, like the diagram of yin-yang, is a connecting of opposites. We know from timeless tradition that it is connected with King David and will be somehow linked to the Messiah and the salvation of humanity. However, the true meaning is reserved to those who are ready to understand within their own lives. The mystical masters reveal their secrets only to selected disciples. Those who are meant to understand will understand.

The six-pointed Star of David, also known as the Seal of Solomon, is not, contrary to popular belief, of exclusively Jewish origin, nor has it been widely used in Jewish tradition before the latter part of the 19th century.

Either as an ornament or as a magical sign, according to leading Jewish scholar Gershon Sholem, the hexagon has been known to mankind since the Bronze Age, in many cultures and areas, from Mesopotamia to Britain. Examples dating back to the Iron Age have been found in India.

The oldest verified Jewish star was found on a seal from the seventh century B.C.E. However, in the period of the Second Temple, the figure was used by Jews and non-Jews alike while during the Hellenistic period, it does not appear at all.

In the early Middle Ages, the hexagon became an important figure in Arabic magic, traced back to the seal or ring of Solomon which gave him dominion over the demons. The concept of a "shield of David" with magical powers may actually have arisen first either in Islam, where the Koran portrays David as the first to fashion protective arms, or from esoteric traditions of Jewish mysticism.

The oldest kabbalistic texts referring to the shield of David do not describe a hexagon but the hidden holy name of 72 names engraved on a protective shield together with the name MKBY which was connected to Judah Maccabee. In the 16th century, for reasons not entirely clear to historians, the hexagram was substituted for the "great name of 72 names" and became one of the most widespread designs for protective amulets.

In the 19th century, Jews desired to put forth a striking and simple sign which would represent Judaism in the way that the cross symbolizes Christianity. This led to the general prevalence of the Magen David on ritual objects. Emanating from central and Western Europe, its influences extended to Eastern Europe and among oriental Jewry. It became the common decoration of almost every synagogue, and countless private and charitable organizations printed it on their letterheads.

In 1822, the Rothschild family put it on their coat of arms when they were raised to the nobility by the Austrian emperor and from 1840 Heinrich Heine, in spite of his conversion, signed his newspaper articles with a six-pointed star instead of his name. The first issue of Herzl's Zionist journal, Die Welt, used it as its emblem and the Magen David became the symbol of a new hope for the future of the Jewish people.

In kabbalistic circles, the shield of David became the "shield of the son of David" implying messianic overtones. Franz Rosenzweig interpreted it as summing up his philosophical ideas about Judaism and the relationships between man, his world and the Creator. When the Nazis used it as a badge of shame accompanying millions to their death, it took on added meaning for the hope of suffering humanity to overcome the brutality of their fellow man.

The State of Israel put the Star of David on its national flag and in contemporary usage it is probably the most common denominator of Jewish identification.

Moroccan Jews stop talking for one Chanukah day

By RABBI SHMUEL HIMELSTEIN

Chanukah is the time for dreydel, for latkes and for Ma'oz Tzur for Jews throughout the world, right?

Well, actually, that is only true for those Jews whose forebears came from either Central or Eastern Europe. For Jews whose ancestors hailed from Spain (including most of those who lived in the Near East and North Africa), these customs are completely foreign.

We must remember that Jewish practice is divided into two parts: Jewish law, which is a constant, regardless of where one lives, and custom, which evolves in each environment. Jewish law requires one to light the Chanukah menorah, and that is a practice found throughout the world; Jewish custom in Europe had its latkes and dreydlach — but these customs were limited to the Ashkenazic Jews.

But we needn't feel that the Sephardic Jews were deprived. The fact is that each community had its own individual customs, which are observed by its descendants to this day. This article will attempt to introduce you to some of the less well-known Chanukah customs of Jews throughout the world.

You probably haven't heard of the song "Yatza Limloch," sung yearly in the traditional melody — but then again, neither have the Jews of Iraq, who sing this particular song on Chanukah, heard of Ma'oz Tzur.

The chances are that you haven't heard of other customs of the Iraqi Jews either: for example, students in the schools all used to receive a gift for Chanukah which was called a menorah — a page printed in the form of a menorah on colored paper, using gold-colored ink. It contained various quotations about Chanukah, and had a space for the student's name to be inscribed. The pages were specially printed for the students in Calcutta.

Another gift was the complete story of Chanukah in booklet form, written in Arabic, but using Hebrew type.

It is traditional that whenever there is the reading of the Torah, the first person called up is a kohen, or priest — one of the descendants of Aaron the High Priest, brother of Moses. In Libya, there was a custom for the gabbai [warden] of the synagogue to be called up first to the Torah on the first day of Chanukah, as a symbol of the thanks the congregation owed him for his dedicated work throughout the year. The priests did not mind this, because the portion of the Torah read at the time included the blessing that the priests bestow upon the people of Israel.

The Jews of Morocco had a custom of reciting eight different verses of the Bible when taking out the Torah scroll from the Ark. Each verse mentioned the word "light." Instead of latkes, though, they used doughnuts. (If one thinks of it, both customs have a common origin — both foods are steeped in oil, and oil is the symbol of the entire festival.)

Another Moroccan custom was a fast day that was held on either the second or third of the month of Tevet, or the last day of the holiday. This was not a conventional fast day — that would be forbidden on a holiday — but was a day that everyone stopped talking for the entire day, in order to atone for all those things that he had said that he shouldn't have!

Moving along the North African coast to Tunis, we find another custom which has no parallel among Western Jews. The first day of the month of Tevet [i.e. the sixth day of Chanukah], was a special day for girls, and was called "the rosh chodesh [new month] of the girls." On that day the women baked honey cakes, and everyone sent along gifts to the girls. Every man who was engaged would send along gifts to his betrothed. A special festive meal was also held on that day in each home, to commemorate how Judith had managed to overcome Holofernes.

Statistics tell us that 20% of all marriages in Israel (and the percentage is increasing yearly) are between people of different origins (i.e. Ashkenazic and Oriental Jews). Maybe with the course of time this gigantic Ingathering of the Exiles will result in a new set of traditions arising, based on all that is beautiful in the different traditions of Jews throughout the world.

As these random examples show, different Jewish communities find their own distinctive ways to express their feelings about this festival, as they did for every other occasion. The customs, on the whole, added extra dimensions, and contributed much to the richness of Jewish life. It was not in vain that the Sages of the Talmud told us that "a custom of Israel has the force of law."

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Oz says stories tell of the past

By ANDREA PARKER

Although Amos Oz was supposed to speak about contemporary Hebrew literature to the large crowd in the Leah Posluns Theatre during the Jewish Book Fair, the Israeli author spoke instead about the effect of the circle of Hebrew literature, referring to current authors in the country who are influenced by Hebrew writers from the beginning of this century.

Reminding the audience that "I am a storyteller," the author whose books include "My Michael," "Touch the Water, Touch the Wind" and numerous essays, said that the word contemporary "muffles me . . . stories are never contemporary even if they are set in the present time. A story is bound by definition to relate to the past. Storytellers are born with their necks and faces turned backwards."

The handsome, blue-eyed, 41-year-old author did acknowledge that some writers, such as Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy, who influenced the early Hebrew writers, "forsaw ahead of ideologies and politicians" but added that "only through the looking glass could they see what is to come."

Oz said that modern Hebrew literature is "more than a replica of other literatures," adding that "Israeli literature is a very Jewish literature." He finally seemed to begin to tell his "story" when he spoke about the "madmen or desperados," Bialik and Berdyczewski, who wrote in Hebrew at the turn of the century for "a hardly existing audience."

He said the authors wrote with "a deep sense of despair and doom," perhaps sensing all was lost. "A touch of madness and despair (as opposed to insanity) is still there in each and every Hebrew work."

Referring to present-day Israeli literature, Oz said that, although there was a brief respite one decade before and after independence when books celebrated heroism with glee and macho ("Hemingway at his worst"), the pulse of neurosis never disappeared.

Oz said Israelis today read literature as if they are possessed and "it sometimes dawns on me that maybe we will irritate our readers."

An interview with Oz in The Jerusalem Post Magazine (Oct. 10) stated that the author, who referred to himself as "a much more pessimistic dove" is "something of a cult figure for young Israelis. He is surrounded by controversy . . . his innovative, sometimes brutal prose and his sharp portraits of kibbutz life and mores have shocked many Israelis."

During the question-and-answer period, Oz spoke about the circle which had taken place in his own life. He called leaving his scholarly, vehement, zealous family in Jerusalem to join Kibbutz Hulda at age 15 the "October Revolution of my life." His father wanted him to be "a new type of Jew — simple and tough . . . able to hit back twice as hard." He also wanted him to be middle class and follow the traditions of Judasim.

So, Oz said, "I ran for my life and my escape was a full circle. I write books and drive a tractor, just like my father wanted me to."

Finally, when he was asked why it is important for Diaspora Jews to move to Israel, Oz replied: "Israel right now is the setting of the most fascinating drama in the world and by not being there (you) are missing something exciting."

He warned that the "emotional tickets are very costly" but stated that Israel "is the only place in the world where Jews are involved in the Jewish drama."

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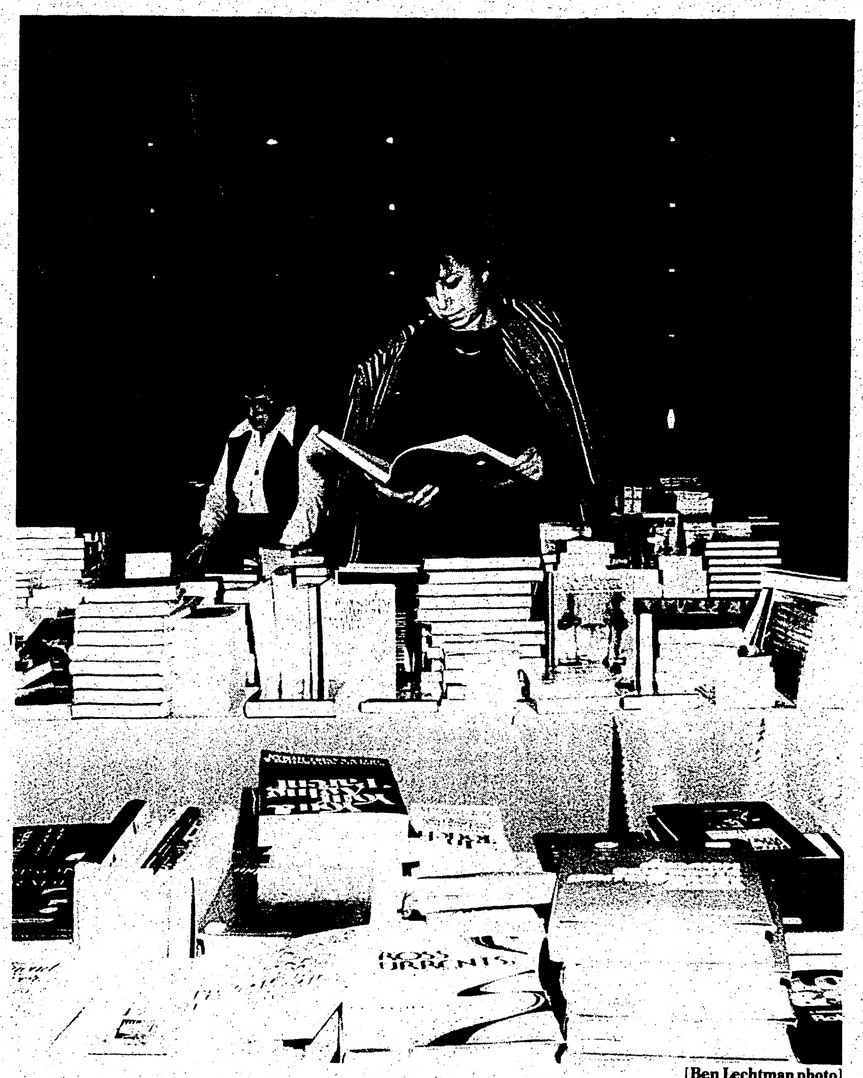

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Jennie Harrison and Gloria Himelstein [foreground] pore over the numerous selections at Jewish Book Fair.

1980 Jewish Book Fair huge success on all fronts

TORONTO —

Everybody loves a winner and this year's Jewish Book Fair at the Jewish Community Centre capped off the best year ever in terms of sales, attendance and volunteer participation.

In some cases programs had to be rescheduled to run two evenings rather than just one. Harry Rasky's opening night film, The Man Who Hid Anne Frank, and Fania Fenelon, author of Playing for Time, both drew standing room crowds on two evenings.

Fenelon, who drew the largest crowds ever, belted out Internationale, Le Marseillaise and Some Day He'll Come Along, and was so popular that Book Fair chairman Annette Rapoport said Book Fair could have scheduled a third evening.

Fenelon, whose experiences as a concentration camp survivor in the Auschwitz orchestra, gained instant celebrity status when Vanessa Redgrave, a known PLO-supporter, was cast in the lead role of the CBS-TV production of Fenelon's book.

A record 5,500 people paid to attend the 9-day calendar of programs.

The free programs were also jammed. An overpacked audience for Barbara Amiel had to adjourn to a larger auditorium. Noted lecturers Prof. Emil Fackenheim and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, and Toronto author Helen Weinzweig also drew huge crowds.

In addition to the many youths who attended, about 800 students came on special school trips to see the Janus Korszak exhibit at the Koffler Gallery. Korszak, who became a legend only in the last decade, was the Jewish doctor and writer who chose to die in Treblinka rather than abandon the 200 orphans under his charge in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Out of an inventory of 16,000 books and 1,500 titles, more than two-thirds were sold. Not surprisingly, among the top sellers were Playing for Time, Helen Epstein's Children of the Holocaust, Diary of Anne Frank, Judy Blume's books for teenagers and cook books. Yiddish books were also big sellers.

Book Fair pulled about 200 volunteers to handle everything from counter sales to planning programs and lining up sponsors from the community for various speakers.

Over 100 volunteers have already signed up for next year's Book Fair which will start planning in January.

In the meantime, Rapoport said that assessments and recommendations of this year's effort will take at least another month. "The big job right now is to clear out of the Leah Posluns Theatre and the Jewish Community Center," she added. "Book Fair is a year-long ongoing effort."

"Children of the Holocaust" author says she avoided sentimentality

By SHELDON KIRHSNER

They are, in the deepest sense of the word, children of the Holocaust.

Sons and daughters of survivors, they are a link between life and death, sorrow and joy, depression and euphoria, barbed wire and suburbia.

In the words of Dr. Vivian Rakoff, a psychiatrist at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, "they speak for all those who have endured suffering and humiliation" at the hands of a people who were weaned on Beethoven and Hitler.

At the Jewish Book Fair, a child of the Holocaust mused about her experiences as a surrogate survivor, and as an author who probed the murky depths of the families who were scarred emotionally by the trauma of the Nazis' Final Solution.

Helen Epstein, a 33-year-old journalist, spoke about this probably unique generation to which she belongs, and described how she wrote her book, "Children Of The Holocaust" [Academic Press].

Dr. Rakoff, whom she interviewed for the book, provided insightful comments on the phenomenon of survivors and their children.

The daughter of Czech Jews who survived the horror of concentration camps, Epstein was raised on Manhattan's west side. Like most survivors, the Epsteins were wracked by memories. The ghosts of the past inhabited their household. Helen, one of three children, was most affected. The stories of torture, deprivation and starvation her parents told her were stored in an imaginary iron box in her mind.

For years, she said, she felt she had to pry it open and exorcise the guilt and the pain and the incomprehensibility of it all.

But before she could embark on the project, Epstein had to convince herself — and others — that it was worthy of her time and energy.

Her parents, she disclosed, were not enthusiastic, her mother feeling that such a book would stereotype Helen as a "Jewish journalist," her father thinking it was a depressing topic with which to grapple.

"And I had my own pressures not to do it," she admitted. "The subject was painful, and I had difficulty remembering things from my childhood" (an obstacle she partly surmounted by consulting her younger brother).

One day, she got a call from an editor at The New York Times Magazine, who had previously turned down her suggestion for a piece on children of survivors. His interest was sparked by a one-paragraph item about the topic in Time Magazine.

Epstein's magazine article, together with her subsequent book, put the children of survivors on the map of America's consciousness. Or, as Dr. Rakoff put it, "Helen's reports have opened up the territory and made it amenable to discussion."

Children Of The Holocaust, she said, was written in such a way as to make it intelligible to survivors, whose English was poor, and to anyone else who might profit from it.

Above all, she avoided sentimentality, which characterizes so many Holocaust reminiscences.

Her book, she said, has had an impact, judging by the numerous letters she receives from readers. The letters have been "the most extraordinary thing that has happened to me."

She read one from a 21-year-old Australian girl who told of visiting her mother in the mental ward of a hospital: "I'm 21, but I'm 57; I'm sane but also insane; I love my mother but I hate her, too. Part of me is in the psychiatric ward."

Dr. Rakoff said the children of survivors are invariably under immense parental pressure. The pressure can be a prescription for great achievement, or a recipe for trouble. "It can be something too much to bear."

Most of the children cope — "they do all right, but some continue to bear some scars," he added.

The majority, he said somewhat jocularly, "will get by and have ordinary, miserable lives."

There was laughter from the audience, but also an undercurrent of understanding that seemed to encapsulate the whole evening into a cathartic, revelatory moment.

Judy Blume's books for children talk about sex and social issues

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

A young reader wrote with obvious disappointment to Judy Blume: "I pictured you as a very experienced looking person with a very large bust." On the contrary, the 42-year-old author, willowy, with shoulder length hair, bounced on stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre where she was appearing for Jewish Book Fair, looking almost like the all-American girl.

Blume is controversial, no doubt about it, and her capacity audience — mothers, a sprinkling of fathers, hordes of girls and boys, reflected conflicting attitudes in their very facial expressions . . . a number of parents disapproving, young people mesmerized.

Her books for children and adolescents "tell it like it is," with explicit reference to menstruation, youthful intercourse. They also examine such social issues as shoplifting, peer cruelty and divorce.

This disturbs many parents, teachers and librarians, who have seen fit to ban them in various places. But young people are constantly emptying libraries of every available Blume book, and 5,000,000 of her Dell paperbacks for adolescents have been printed.

Her style is direct, immediate. She has the ability to get right inside a young person's mind . . . and to use current language.

In her own favorite, "Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret," she draws on personal recall to explain the feelings of an 11-year-old girl going on 12, who is preoccupied with menstruation and breast development, both of which she is anxiously anticipating. "I too, spent a year thinking about those matters," she says.

Margaret, like Blume when she was young, has a close relationship with God who is her private confidante.

But Margaret has another major concern. Her father is Jewish, her mother Christian, and they have given her no religious direction — persuaded that she should eventually choose for herself.

In a thoughtful passage Margaret expresses her feelings: "I don't think a person can decide to be a certain religion just like that. It's like having to choose your own name. You think about it for a long time and then you keep changing your mind. If I should ever have children I will tell them what religion they are so they can start learning about it at an early age. Twelve is very late to learn."

The most nearly autobiographical of her books, says Blume, who grew up in suburban New Jersey, is "Starring Sally J. Freedman As Herself."

If Margaret is pre-pubescent, "Forever" is frankly teenage sexual. It was written at the request of the author's daughter and her friends who wanted to see something about adolescent sex "without fear."

Two 17-year-old students have a continuing intimate relationship behind closed doors at her family's home, and at his, convinced that their "love" will last forever. The intercourse scenes are detailed, and it is worth noting that while Blume refuses to judge sexual behavior, she is tactfully preachy about smoking.

"Wifey," the only adult novel to date, is one long orgasm. A 32-year-old New Jersey mother of two young children, a protected Jewish princess, becomes dissatisfied with her married life. Stimulated by an exhibitionist who appears outside her window, one morning, she spends most of her time leaping from bed to couch to floor, with a succession of men.

Asked why she wrote "Wifey," Blume asserts: "That's a question my mother would like to answer." Her mother, she notes, went to school with the mother of Philip Roth, author of "Portnoy's Complaint," and was told by her, "Just say, I don't know where she learned those things; certainly not from me!"

But, she declares, "I'm a 42-year-old woman with feelings, needs and concerns. Wifey is another kind of growing up, beyond adolescence. It is a woman's plea to be taken seriously."

Barbara Amiel really is Jewish

Barbara Amiel was supposed to talk to her Jewish Book Fair audience about "It's tough to be brainy and beautiful," but she said she was totally incapable of living up to the title of the intended talk. Instead, she talked about her philosophy of life.

But before she got down to her new topic, Amiel took a few moments to tell the audience of the Pride of Israel-sponsored event that yes, she really is Jewish.

Amiel said she was constantly being plagued with sideways questions as to whether or not she was Jewish. "It's usually by mothers in the Bathurst and Eglinton area of town. The only time it is taken for granted that I am Jewish is when I never bring up the subject.

"The first time was when I wanted to be a Brownie, in England. And the second time was when I was in Egypt and the Arabs realized that I had a Sephardic name," she noted.

To further convince the audience that she was Jewish, Amiel told them that she "practiced spinning a dreidel last night. I also found out why we eat challah and honey. And I have a B.A., therefore I am Jewish."

When she was through with her convincing, Amiel got down to the meat of her talk. She said human rights commissions are the "enemies of freedom." She said ERA (the Equal Rights Amendment) is idiotic. And then she said: "In Canada, the Jewish community seems hell-bent to put into effect policies that limit free speech.

"That," she strongly "will destroy Israel."

Amiel also questioned the logic of a recent UJA Women's Division luncheon that had former congresswomen Bella Abzug as guest speaker. "Abzug has done a lot to harm Israel," Amiel said. "She has cut war budgets and she is responsible for a weakened America that can't combat the Arab oil threat."

She said there are a number of issues that concern Jews — issues that, in her opinion, on which most Jews have taken a wrong stand. The one area where she thinks a lot of harm has been done is with human rights commissions.

"Get rid of them," Amiel urged. "They deny there are any differences between people. They will eventually infringe on you.

"They have closed down restaurants because of names. Human rights commissions would never have stopped a Stalin or a Hitler. They just give quotas, rules and thought control," Amiel said.

"I'm opposed to hate literature," Amiel continued, "and I don't like those wretched messages of the Western Guard, but if you outlaw the literature of the right wing then you've got to outlaw the left, the Maoists and the fascisits. I loath the Maoists, but they have to be able to spout their hate literature."

Amiel told the audience, which was 95% women, that she is also opposed to the women's movement because it is "reverse discrimination." She said that when women ask for "17 weeks of maternity leave," they are asking for special privileges."

Herbert Gold delights audiences, tells how he found his Jewishness

By DAVID BIRKAN

Novelist Herbert Gold delighted a Book Week audience with stories of how he discovered his Jewishness.

The author of Fathers, a novel dealing with Russian Jews emigrating to the United States at the turn of the century, was born in Lakewood, Ohio, a small suburb of Cleveland in which his was the only Jewish family. His father was a Russian immigrant who adhered to socialsim. In the 50 years since, a variety of experiences led Gold to become what he termed a "Chinese Jew."

Said Gold: "By that I mean an ancestor-worshipping Jew, someone who appreciates his forefathers and his history."

Gold's more enlightening encounters with Judaism began in Haiti. While working there in the 50s, he met an Israeli hired by the United Nations to teach the Haitians how to fish. "This man, Shimon Tal, was everywhere, setting up fish farms and carp ponds so that the Haitians could have their own sources of easily available fish. He seemed to be working night and day, for years. His work was having its effect, as fresh fish, particularly carp, became very plentiful. I asked a woman in the market one time what those new fish were called, and she answered, in French, 'Jew Fish.'

Gold's encounter with Tal led to his first trip to Israel. "The first thing that struck me was that everybody seemed different. There were Black Jews, Sephardic Jews, Ashkenazi Jews, all differently dressed and talking in different languages. To be different was obviously okay here. As a Jew, I had always felt different . . . and now I felt okay about it."

While researching his story, Death in Miami, he was stopped by an old woman on Collins Ave. and asked if he were Jewish. "Good," she said, when he told her that he was. "Now, can you tell me what time it is?"

Commented Gold: "Experience has made many Jews able to trust only other Jews."

Gold recalled reading a book about Jewish artists, poets and writers who had been killed in the concentration camps. It was dedicated to the gypsies. When asked why this dedication, the author, a Jewish survivor, replied: "A gypsy, a fellow inmate in the concentration camp said to me just before he died: 'You Jews are lucky. You will be remembered. No one will remember us'."

Gold was invited to attend a writers' conference in Russia, in the mid-60s, because of his outspoken criticism of American involvement in Vietnam. He was asked during a seminar why he continued to live in the U.S. if he was so opposed to its foreign policy. His answer, which led him to begin research and writing on the plight of Soviet Jews was: "Because I am an American-Jewish writer. If I were a Soviet-Jewish writer, I would be dead."

Gold's talk was sponsored by the Ontario branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Kathy Borys, from the Silent Voice agency, was on hand to provide sign language translation for the deaf.

Why are you a writer? Richler always being asked

By MURRAY MALKIN

Mordecai Richler knows how to set the stage when he delivers a speech, and that's exactly what he did when he spoke at Toronto's Jewish Book Fair.

Richler approached the podium carrying a caramel-colored drink that seemed to have the characteristics of scotch and water. When he reached the podium, he put down the drink, pulled out his speech, put on his glasses, took off his jacket and rolled up his sleeves. Richler was now ready to thrill his audience.

He told the overflow crowd at the Pioneer Women - Na'amat - sponsored event that "writing has become a risky business.

"If you're foolish enough to write about Jews," Richler continued, "they'll write back."

Another problem Richler has found as an author is that, nowadays, writers are expected to go on promotional tours. He spent most of his time talking about promoting books and some of the people with whom he has had to contend in the past.

Once, while appearing on the Joey Adams Show, a New York-based talk show, the host said he'd never heard of Richler's book. Richler told Adams that his book was now in its second printing. Adams then asked him what was wrong with the first one.

Richler told the crowd at the Leah Posluns Theatre that, when he's appearing on a talk show, he's usually asked if he's an anti-semite. "I've always wanted to smile sweetly and reply 'yes, yes, yes indeed, but I don't like Gentiles either.' But common sense prevailed."

He said there is some advantage to being a well-known author because now he's asked to pronounce on weighty matters. Richler said he can now expect one phone call a year from the CBC asking him to characterize his ideal fantasy situation. He also gets one call a year from the Montreal Gazette, asking him how he proposed to his wife, and one call a year from The Toronto Star, asking for his New Year's resolution.

Also, he said his mail is flooded with requests by synagogues from Montreal to San Diego. These requests are for autographed books, old pipes, just about anything for their celebrity auctions.

The Montreal author, whose latest novel, "Joshua Then and Now," is a smash best-seller, said that he's also invited to lecture at numerous universities and colleges.

Richler, who dropped out of Sir George Williams University to pursue his writing career, wrote his first novel, "The Acrobats," in England.

That book only sold 400 copies in Canada, but Richler thanked his publisher for having faith in him and publishing an unknown writer. He said it's getting harder and harder all the time for first-time novelists to get published in Canada.

He encouraged Canadians to support first-time novelists by buying their books, . . . "don't borrow them."

"There's not much respect for writers," Richler said. "Also, it's a suspect craft. People you meet say they could write a novel, if only they had the time. It's a horrible, exhausting struggle.

"And you're always being asked why you do it. Doctors are never asked why they practice medicine. Shoemakers are never asked why they cobble and baseball players are never asked why they aren't driving a coal truck."

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Ruth Moked looks for good buys in the children's selection.

GIFTS - JUST FOR YOU...

Here are a number of Chanukah gift ideas for your entire list, from child to grandparent

By JUDY KNELMAN

Chanukah gift-giving is easier than Christmas gift-giving because it's earlier. You can take time to pick out a gift that's unusual because it's hand-made or hand-picked. The choice is still good — Christmas is weeks away!

For babies, try Heaney's Linens on Hazelton. This store has romper suits and dresses hand-embroidered with flowers, butterflies, bunnies, teddy bears and other appropriate motifs. Imported from Madeira, these are permanent press fabrics, including the embroidery. Prices are $30-$45. Especially appealing are the twin sets, matching girls' and boys' outfits.

For older children, Mr. Gameways is a likely place. There are computer games, board games, jigsaw puzzles, toys, hobbies and children's books in this treasure trove of recreational resources. The staff here has an amazing knowledge of and enthusiasm for games and games lore.

Electronic games are still the rage. Popular themes are science, sports and finance. Children can fantasize about being detectives, politicians, racing car drivers, hockey and football stars and inhabitants of outer space.

For teenage girls, cosmetics are an obvious choice. A gift certificate to the Christine Valmy Skin Care Saloon can provide an introduction to the world of makeup. For $50 an hour the salon will give demonstrations and lessons on skin care. A special interest is teenagers with problem skin.

The gift certificate goes a long way, because after the lessons the recipient can apply the $50 to the products she's decided to purchase. The $50 is deducted from the bill for the cosmetics she buys.

The salon also does facials, makeup applications, pedicures, manicures and hand and foot treatments. It's located on Hazelton Ave.

For businessmen and businesswomen, Lanzi of Italy, located on Yorkville, has handmade leather goods that look their price. Portfolio briefcases, for instance, cost $420, but they're elegantly and lavishly crafted of fine, durable leather in black or burgundy.

The portfolio is thick enough to carry bulky papers, but styled like a clutch, without a handle, so that it's unisex. Inside are roomy double compartments. Outside, indications luxury are gold corners and a buckle flap.

Desk sets at Lanzi are custom made, ordered to suit the requirements of the particular recipient. They come with such thoughtful touches as leather lids for blotting pads, so that when the desk is not in use its surface is smooth and neat.

A four-piece desk set costs at least $280. For a smaller hand-made leather gift, investigate Lanzi's picture frames. Imported from Italy, these come in a variety of sizes. Some fold for travel. They're priced between $25 and $50.

For homemakers, gourmet cooking lessons can be an inspiration. Lucy Waverman and Bonnie Stern run two schools for sophisticated cooks. For those interested in learning about the relationship between health, nutrition and beauty, Kathleen O'Bannon's Cooking and Nutrition Centre on Brunswick St. has lessons and workshops that can be presented as gifts.

A membership in the Art Gallery of Ontario carries with it a ticket to the exhibition on Van Gogh and cloisonism that begins early next year. For the $20 single membership fee, the Art Gallery will send an announcement of your gift to the recipient. You can simply subsequent Chanukah gift-giving by asking the gallery to bill you automatically for renewals each year.

Books, of course, are gifts that are always welcome, provided you choose with interests, hobbies or aptitudes in mind. Toronto has a growing number of specialty stores that make selection easy once you narrow down the area of interest you're investigating.

For art books, look at the Art Gallery Shop. For children's books, The Children's Book Store is a treasure trove. Then there are the Travel Book Store, Science City, Books for Cooks, the Can-Do Bookstore and, for Canadian books, Longhouse.

For functional gifts that are novel, the Industrial Revolution is a good place to look. Here you'll find high-tech items like coiled extension cords that look like telephone cords. They come in 10 colors including clear, black, red, Yellow and purple. Price is $10.

The cords make suitable gifts for a variety of people — the teenage telephone addict, for example, or the business executive. For a teenager's wall, this store has parts of the face hand-done in ceramics. You can buy an eye, a nose or the components of an entire face. The eye plaque, about 12 inches by 8 inches, is $16.50.

And for the woman who has everything, the Industrial Revolution has huge kitchen tools like graters and whisks that can be hung as decorations or light fixtures. A 5½ foot brass grater would make an appropriate thank-you for Chanukah latkes.

For gifts outside the family, a basket of fresh and dried fruit and nuts is always welcome. At the Arcade Gift Baskets — which, by the way, is located not in the Arcade but in the Sheraton Centre — they'll even put in a bottle of liquor if you supply it. The Harvest Wagon, in the Yonge-St. Clair area, also has a wide range of choice for specially made up gift baskets.

For the new born baby, the Baby Basket Factory will pack a wicker basket full of such assorted items as bibs, sleepers, plush animals, hooded towels and even that lucky silver spoon, and then ship the finished product off anywhere inside or outside of Canada for only nominal charges.

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The Baby Basket Factory is operated by Carole Grossman, 34, and Carolyn Silverberg, 31, who fashioned their enterprise "after getting fed up with high prices in retail stores."

For some time the two friends had put together their own baby gifts, and decided to go commercial when their gifts became so popular that friends, and friends of friends, began to inquire about them.

Silverberg stresses that all the plush animals are non-allergenic, washable and have no buttons or anything that can be swallowed.

So far, she says, there has been a boom in boys over girls. "At first we used to buy equal amounts of boy-girl items, but the boys so far are outnumbering the girls."

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Books make good Chanukah gifts for children, as indicated by the brisk business at the recent book fair at Toronto's Jewish Community Centre. This was one of the displays at the fair.

Kids' cookbooks are great gifts

Kids' cookbooks make good Chanukah presents — for the whole family.

This year there is a large selection suitable for very young children whose mothers have to read them the directions, for young readers who wnat to learn to cook, and for advanced cooks who happen to be kids.

At Judy Sarick's Children's Book Store on Markham St., one of the best-selling cookbooks is the kids' Kosher Cookbook put out by the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto. A collection of recipes used and written by kids, it contains such items as My Bubie's Plum Cake.

This is a useful handbook, with the rules of kashrut spelled out, the brachot explained and transcribed and a special Pesach section. Also handy is the table of metric conversion supplied in this book. It's $6.95.

Two other recently published Canadian cookbooks for children are More Kids in the Kitchen (which, by the way, contains a recipe for Chanukah cheese pie) by Shannon Ferrier and Tamara Shuttleworth and Sticky Fingers by Lisa Bevelander. Both stress nutrition. More Kids in the Kitchen explains the origins of ethnic and traditional recipes. Sticky Fingers shows small cooks that junk foods can be healthy if they use the right ingredients.

Use right ingredients

These books are both $5.95. But for as little as $1.25 you can find a paperback that will assist a child who wants to learn to cook. Kids Cooking. A First Cookbook for Children by Arleen Paul and Arthur Hawkins is $1.25. For $1.50 you can get a Practical Puffin entitled Cooking: Making Things to Eat. And The Kids in the Kitchen Cookbook: How to Teach Your Child the Delights of Cooking and Eating by Lois Levine is $1.75.

All three of these inexpensive cookbooks are recommended by Mrs. Sarick, whose 10-year-old daughter has been cooking for years. Her all-time favorite, though, is $7.75. It's The Kids' Kitchen Takeover by Sara B. Stern.

How do these books differ from mother's cookbooks? The good ones, said Sarick, come with safety instructions and warnings printed clearly at the front. They also list clearly the ingredients required by each recipe and the steps to be followed in preparation.

Most important, she said, is the selection. Kids' cookbooks contain only the kinds of food kids like to prepare.

Often the recipes are graded, so they can begin with simple ones and move on to more challenging ones when they've become more experienced. No recipe in a kids' cookbook would be beyond the scope of a reasonably intelligent child who has an adult within reach.

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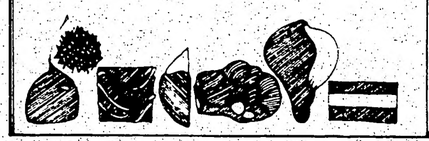

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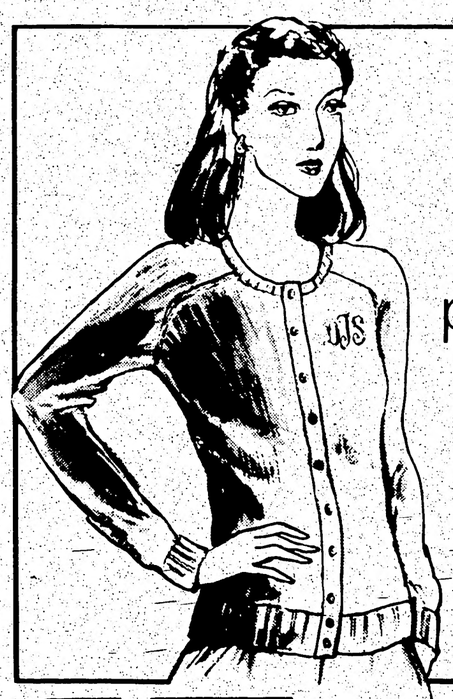
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CANDLES ARE LIT

Grade 3 students at Associated Hebrew Schools prepare for Chanukah, which begins the night of Dec. 2. Lighting the candles is Shimon Citron, who came here recently from the Soviet Union.

Providing gourmet food for parties

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

What does a young woman — who recently graduated from York University with a sociology degree — do when she does not want to go into professional school and will not take an office job? Sherry Papoff decided to open a shop called Word of Mouth, on Yonge St., close to the Lawrence subway station, to provide a gourmet food and party service.

Besides advising people on what to serve at parties and selling vegetable, cheese and meat trays, Papoff sells what she claims as the "best croissants in Toronto," huge chocolate chip cookies and bigger muffins, cakes to order, a special blend of coffee, quiche and assorted gourmet foods.

For those whose tastes vary from Chinese to Italian food to cooking-for-one, Papoff offers an assortment of cookbooks. She said also if customers want a specific food, such as poached salmon, she can provide it.

Papoff, who has had no formal cooking or business, counts on her mother to occasionally come into the shop and help her out, but otherwise she is the boss.

She admitted that "people find I don't look my age" (she is 24) and it took some delivery drivers and customers a little longer than others "to click in that I owned the place."

Papoff opened on June 12, using the money saved from summer jobs and she said it "was a strange time to go into business, with people away on holidays. The summer is a slow time for all business," but then she added that "I had a lot of confidence in myself and I expected it to be like this (successful)."

Of course, opening any new business can have its share of problems and the first thing Papoff had to face, once she decided what kind of business to open, was to find a store, which took six months. Papoff said she was "up against people who were here for years" and added that some store owners in the vicinity "tried to make it difficult because they didn't want me here." But genearlly she has been accepted.

Although the store is in a good location, Papoff found that she had quite a job of clearing up ahead of her because previous owners left behind three years of dirt and tacks on the floor.

Also, her large display fridge did not quite fit through the front door, and while six workmen waited (and were being paid hourly), Papoff had to phone a company to remove the front window with suction cups as she "prayed it would come out in one piece."

But now the store is clean and neat, with the prices for all items listed on a blackboard, a box of homemade turkish delight on the counter by the cash register and a work table near the back of the room where Papoff prepares her trays of food.

Her future plans include setting up an area where people can serve themselves with two kinds of soup.

Refined skiwear look- blouson is biggest news

Puffy blouson skiwear in conservative earth-tone colors is a look that will be popular this winter. But there are still bright colors to be seen on the slopes, particularly in the Western Look. (Skiwear is a great gift favorite.)

This year's crop of ski jackets has a sleeker, more refined look, according to Style Magazine. Lines are cleaner and shapes more defined. And the biggest news this year is the blouson.

Lengths vary from short, bomber-jacket style to just below the waist to hip-skimmer, but whatever the length, jackets are puffy.

Shirred down looks give a space-age bubble effect, says Style. One example is a tri-color bubble jacket in silver, navy and medium blue by Tyrol of Vancouver. Another, with quilted, puffy sleeves, is by Gordini of Montreal.

Prices vary from about $80 to $150 and occasionally go as high as $200 for a ski jacket. In the $80 range is a high-style diagonally striped and quilted Antron jacket by Milbro of Montreal. It comes in combinations of royal and sapphire, olive and olive mist or slate and misty blue-gray.

Some collars are puffed and high, providing all-over warmth as well as style. Sleeves are sometimes detachable to allow conversion to a vest.

Hoods are seen only occasionally: the look is cuffed hats, often trimmed to match the jackets.

The geometric emphasis played up by quilting and color is a natural for the Western Look, which is gaining popularity this year. This look is available in earth tones as well, but almost always includes a choice of red or navy.

A quilted nylon jacket by Harold Williams of Montreal, for example, has a contrasting color yoke and contrast piping on the yoke, pockets, front band and sleeve. It comes in royal, natural and red as well as black/emerald/violet, natural/black/violet and gray/yellow/royal. Price is about $140.

In cross-country skiwear, corduroy is news. It's less used in alpine skiing because when you fall in nylon you slide, but in corduroy you are less slippery.

Style shows corduroy trim on a poplin jacket by Almor of Montreal teamed with corduroy knickers. There are also high-fashion jackets of quilted corduroy and corduroy suits for the cross-country skier.

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A party issue

A special holiday package is waiting for women at the cosmetic department of Shoppers Drug Mart stores.

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The magazine is offered free to anyone making a cosmetic or related purchase.

Moods and setting are two important ingredients influencing today's women's selection of perfumes. Fragrance is fashion and the following Toronto celebrities tell when and why they make their selections from their wardrobe of scents:

Helen Hutchinson, co-host of W-5; Joyce Davidson, television talk show host; Sylvia Fraser, author, latest novel: "The Emperor's Virgin"; Kelly Decooman, top Toronto model; Christie Rejman, producer: "You're Beautiful;" Barbara Frum, radio personality: "As It Happens."

The holiday season heralds the arrival of numerous parties. Several articles discuss the "how to" in party-giving and party-going. Also included are some unique recipes for appetizers (Party Pretenders) that won't devastate budgets or waistlines.

However, in case waistlines or stomachs are upset or expanded, Beauty Magazine contains two antidotes: hints on "How to Recover from Over-indulgence" and illustrated exercises presented by Canadian Gold Medalist Cross Country Skier, Dasha Cejnar.

Dasha, who is also a kinesiology student at the University of Guelph, shares with readers exercise routines for skiers, tips on skin care, and advice about selection of proper clothing and equipment for cross country skiing.

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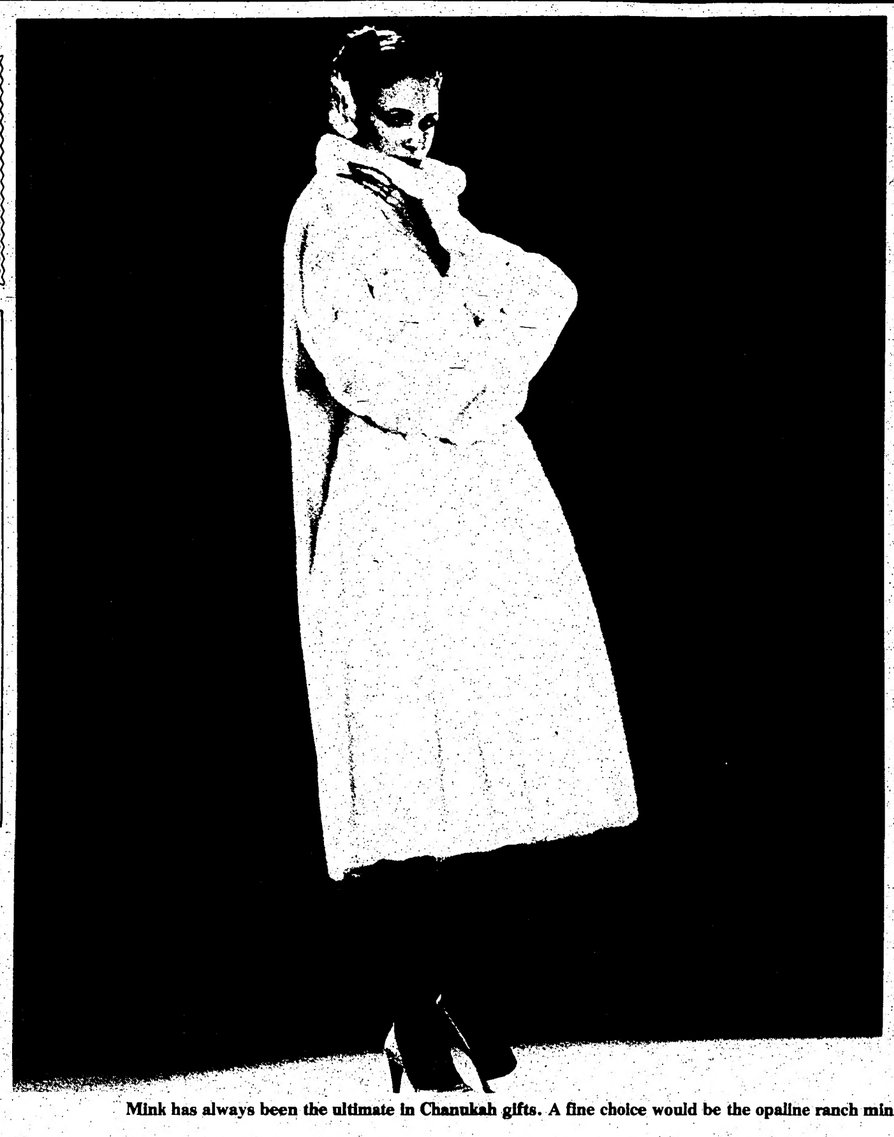

Mink has always been the ultimate in Chanukah gifts. A fine choice would be the opaline ranch mink [left] or the pastel and white coat, which was shown at Montreal's recent fur market week.

Beauty consultant says hair will suffer when people hurry

By JUDY KNELMAN

Anne Karpati, national consumer consultant for Clairol-Canada, says if hair could talk it would be screaming in pain.

"People brush their hair as if it were a carpet," she observed recently. "They wash it too much and with hot water and the wrong shampoo. When the natural oils are stripped away they rub the hair with a rough towel and then drag a brush or fine-toothed comb through it."

Hair is an important accessory, she emphasized. "Regardless of the new outfit or the gorgeous makeup you've just applied, if your hair isn't right or you don't feel right about the way it looks, the total image is marred. Beauty starts at the top, with the hair, and the hair has to be healthy and shiny for the dress, the makeup and the trim figure to show to advatage."

More and more women do their own hair in-between professional haircutting sessions. Left to their own devices, they shampoo hair more than is good for it, choose products by what they have done for a friend or for the girl illustrated on the label, and neglect to absorb the instructions completely.

Their intentions are good — most women want healthy-looking hair with great body and color, said Karpati, "because frankly it's very appealing to men." Too, current emphasis on fitness and diet has brought about an increased interest in maximum hair health.

But people are in a hurry, and the hair suffers.

"The new, more natural hair styles leave women more time to devote to thoughtful hair care," she pointed out. Conditioning shampoos, after-shampoo conditioning treatments and gentle, non-ammonia colorings are basically all you need to keep hair looking and feeling wonderful, she said.

Hair is getting dirtier faster these days, from increasing pollution, from perspiration during exercise sessions and from more handling in styling.

The new therapeutic shampoos and treatments rich in conditioners are especially designed to correct hair problems and keep hair fit, no matter how often it is washed and styled with blow dryers, curling wands and heated rollers.

"Just think how long your clothes would last if you insisted on washing them every day," she observed. Once hair is damaged, the best thing to do is to cut it. "You can't repair a threadbare dress, and hair is the same."

The cut is important — it should be such that your hair always falls into a becoming pattern. "I don't believe that because a hair style is 'in' one must wear it to be fashionable," said the consumer consultant. "You have to tailor a style to your own look."

You also have to pay attention to color. "Everyone is different and so is hair. For this reason I recommend that a person know what color in the end she wants before trying to dye hair."

She did volunteer that blondes are coming back again — "not the candy-floss blonde, but the softer muted beige tones." And not everyone can be a redhead, but there's more interest in red, now that the color is softer."

Karpati believes it's important for a woman to see herself as others see her. Ask yourself, "Is my hair the right shade, or should I tone it down a little? Is my makeup too heavy? Is the cut right?"

There are products on the market to help you, but there are so many choices that it's unlikely you can find the best ones on your own.

Clairol has a consumer service to answer inquiries over the phone and set up appointments for free consultations on hair problems. In Toronto, alone, the company handles about 200 such calls a week.

In addition to training and supervising consultants and answering thousands of calls and letters each year on hair care questions, Mrs. Karpati sets up meetings in cities across Canada to show cosmeticians in drug and department stores new products and new methods.

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There are ideas and recipes for entertaining when time and money are no object and when both are at a premium; ways of making something out of nothing when unexpected guests drop in; hints on cooking for the family and outsmarting the fat in food; traditional dishes; late night snacks; the international fare found in Kensington Market; and favorite dishes of friends as diverse as Knowlton Nash and Margot Kidder.

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Designer, mother work as team to create fashions made in Israel

Dorit Meirovith is responsible for the second syllable of Jadoli, the prestige firm of Israeli coats, suits and sportswear started 28 years ago by her father and mother, Jack and Lilli Toporek.

Eight years ago, when she finished a fashion design course at the University of London, Dorit joined her mother in the design end of the business, but last year she found herself in Toronto with two small children and a husband who wanted to try life in Canada.

So she created a Canadian spinoff, Jadoli Nada, the last two syllables representing her daughter, Natalie, who's 8, and her son, Daniel, who's 2½.

Designing from such a distance is all but impossible, but from time to time Dorit picks up the phone or whips off a sketch to suggest to her mother a style or a detail that's occurred to her.

She is now more closely tied to the merchandising end of the business, selling her family's creations in a small, low-overhead way from her Thornhill townhouse.

Her life up to now has been priviledged and exciting — she traveled widely in Europe as a child and mingled with buyers from top stores all over the world and with a sophisticated clientele that included

Importer of Israeli fashions, Dorit Meirovith.

Golda Meir and Chana Robina, first lady of Israeli theatre — but now she's content to settle down and observe Toronto.

"I felt it was my duty as a mother to settle the children," she said recently. "It's a big change for a child, moving from Israel to Canada." Neither child spoke English.

The family obviously has a tradition of nurturing its children. Dorit, an only child, spent every summer in Europe, first with her parents, then, after the age of 16, on her own. She speaks German, French and English as well as Hebrew.

At home, she watched as buyers from the likes of Harrods, Lord and Taylor, Saks, Neiman Marcus, Marshall Field and Holt-Renfrew spread her family's reputation.

She served in the army for two years, then married Yitzhok Meirovith, a shoe designer whose parents, through Mera, are leading shoe manufacturers in Israel. They went to London, he to study business administration, she to qualify herself in fashion design.

When Dorit returned to Israel, she went to work for Jadoli. "It was tough to get the buyers' respect," she recalled, "because they'd known me as a small kid. My parents gave me an assignment and left me to sink or swim. They went on a trip and had me stay at home and design a jacket. I'll never forget that September seven years ago."

She passed the test. "It was the first jacket I ever did, and we sold 2,000. The American buyer who bought most of them named it the Dorit." The design was sporty, a three-quarter length made in camel hair or leather.

From then on, she and her mother were a team. "The buyers recognized my signature," she said. "We have the same outlook, but my mother caters to the elegant, middle-aged woman and does more outerwear. I like pants, jackets and suits, and of course I do the young look. I'm more interested in color and trim. My details are a little more daring."

Living in Canada has given Dorit some sympathy for North American buyers' preferences. Canadian women are more practical than Europeans. They buy clothes to last longer, and they have fewer of them in their wardrobes. "A European woman will suffer to look good," she said. "Or she'll buy a coat in a crazy color, wine or lilac, and wear it only for the season it's in. Canadians stick to brown, black and navy — classic colors that will always be in."

A CLASSIC DUO

More and more the casual jacket and slacks have become the classic look for young businessmen. The trend started years ago in Western Canada and has taken over in the East. A couple of great examples shown here.

Gaylor's Gifts has new owners

Gaylor's Gifts, that very special shop at 980 Eglinton Ave. W., is under new ownership after 29 years. The Gordons have retired and now Andrea and Wilf Wasserman are the new owners.

It's a natural course of events since Andy started "working" in her parents' shop at the age of 12. She lived with the family in the apartment upstairs and sneaked down to the store many times to open the door for a friendly customer who had missed closing time.

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Some simple questions about winter hair care

By RENE VINCENT

With winter approaching, the condition of your hair will be of primary concern because it in turn will determine whether your stylist will be able to do additional services such as coloring or permanent waving. To find out, ask yourself these simple questions:

- Does my hair have any natural sheen?
- When I do my own hair, does it look as good and is it easy for me to control it?
- Am I maintaining my hair without problems?

If you had to answer "no" to some of those questions, then it's time for you to ask your stylist for some solutions to these problems.

Perhaps you have misused electric rollers, curling irons, hand dryers or simply last summer's sun has inflicted damage to your hair.

Hair needs good elasticity because without it, it becomes weak and all efforts to put a curl or bend in the hair will be useless.

Continuous conditioning as winter approaches is a preventive solution. There are good reasons to be exposed to dry heated air in your house and most likely you will be wearing a hat more often and your scalp is not going to breathe normally.

If your stylist has not made you aware of your conditioning needs, ask him.

Or, if you have been using a conditioner without result, then maybe you are ready for a change.

If conditioners fail, you should have your hair analyzed to check the internal structure. Sometimes, vitamin deficiency or medication could cause your problem.

A busy season is ahead of you and you must face it with good looking, shiny, healthy hair.

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Rene Vincent is executive director of the Allied Beauty Association, a national, non-profit trade association formed by the professional beauty industry to improve the quality of haircare.

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Silks are comfortable

Knits and silks carried the fashion news for this season at a presentation by B. J. Larken for Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood.

The clothes were chosen by Barbara Silver, who, with her husband, Ken, owns the Toronto chain of six stores. Commentator was Lillian Winton and co-ordinator was Pearl Kazdan. The fashion show marked the culmination of the sisterhood's annual fund raising effort.

The first link in the Larken chain was the Eglinton Ave. store, which opened six years ago with a largely Jewish clientele. "We owe all of our original success to the Jewish community served by this location, of which a sizeable portion belongs to Holy Blossom Temple," said a message from the Silvers, read by the commentator.

Silk is popular, said Barbara Silver in a pre-show interview, because "it's the most comfortable fabric in the world to wear."

Though the store always advises customers to dry clean silk clothing, she washed her own in mild soap in cold water, rinses, wraps it in a towel and irons it while it's slightly damp. Her outfit for the show was a vibrant red crinkle silk two-piece dress with a high, ruffled asymmetrical neckline.

Many of the silks in the show were prints. There were silk dresses, blouses, skirts and two-piece outfits for casual as well as dressy occasions.

Sweaters were embroidered, beaded and knit-patterned, some in modern art designs. High-fashion cardigans gave a softer look than a blazer would have over two-piece knit outfits and dresses.

Among them were a long burgundy Shetland, hip-length, worn over burgundy corduroy pants and a silk print blouse with burgundy figuring on a white background. "The idea is to mix and match," said Mrs. Silver. "Shetland and cord are both casual, so they make good mates." At $90, it's a substantial investment, but it's as much a jacket as a sweater.

In a paler shade, a purply pink, was a boucle cardigan at $96 held together by two large pom-poms instead of buttons. At the asymmetrical neckline was a separate scarf tie. This was a dressier sweater and was teamed with a one-piece printed silk dress.

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Designer sees break from past and adaptation to new reality

Soft feminine clothes are Daymor designer Lorraine Beauchamp's forte and she also chooses them for her own wardrobe.

This was not always so. At the outset of her career, Lorraine designed much more casual, sportive clothes because she thought they were "my style."

The successful young French Canadian designer predicts an end to the preoccupation with bygone eras — the 30s, 40s and 50s. She sees this decade as "a turning point, a time of adjustment and an adaptation to a new reality. Fashion will be more sober. Practical. Classic. Basic. Fabrics and line will be more important than detail."

Born and bred in Montreal, 30-year old Lorraine Beauchamp prepared herself for a vocation in either teaching or writing at university by concentrating on French literature and education.

After completing her studies, Lorraine was hired as a fashion model on a temporary basis. This brief encounter with the world of fashion piqued her appetite for a career as a designer.

In the interim, Lorrained dabbled in photography, taught fine arts and worked as a copywriter for an advertising agency.

Still dreaming of a career as a fashion designer but lacking formal training, Lorraine set out to gain first-hand knowledge by attending important fashion events in the U.S. and Europe and learning as much as she could about fabrics and the technical aspects of designing from veterans involved in the fashion industry.

Lorraine quickly ascertained that marketability ultimately determines a designer's success. Although she finds the creative aspect of fashion designing particularly rewarding, Lorraine realizes her acceptance by the public is measured in sales.

Lorraine joined Daymor over four years ago and designs two collections for the firm. One bears her own label and the other, Desiree, is slightly lower in price and younger in target with a smaller size range.

KNITS FOR SHAARE ZEDEK

Fashions by Marni Knits were featured in a recent fashion show by the women's division of Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. At left, Johanne Zagdanski, vice-president, models a sweater jacket; at right, Marlena Altbaum shows off a two-piece suit.

Classic designs returning with clean-cut lines for this year's fashions

By NINA WOLPERT

Fashion has swung to the sensible as stores display merchandise reflecting the serious mood of the times.

The operative word for tasteful dressing this season is classic. There is a return to clean-cut lines, pure fabrics, and trusted styles.

Classic dressing by its definition also means investment dressing. People are buying clothes that are designed to co-ordinate both as outfits now and as separates in the seasons to come.

Classic, however, does not mean dowdy. There is plenty of room for individual taste and touches to add personality to the look. There is a place this year for both tailored suits in banker's colors in addition to whimsical hand-knit accessories.

A store for whom the above philosphy is old hat is Jaeger Sportswear Limited. Its branches across the country offer traditional clothing from Britain.

"This year is definitely the one for classics. Our premise is based on outfits in the same color range. "We are showing slate blue, sable brown, and coral in everything from a knitted balaclava hood to matching tights. In terms of style, look for to-the-knee pleated skirts and collarless Chanel-style jackets," says Sue Jamison, assistant women's manager of Jaeger's Toronto Eaton Centre shop.

Jaeger's philosophy of co-ordination is being echoed in other stores. Eaton's fashion and beauty advisor, Beverley MacAndrew says: "In the 1980s there is definitely a return to classic investment dressing in non-seasonal fabrics. Wool crepe in Chanel-style suits worn with a bow-tied blouse are very fashionable. Women expect a lot of mileage from their clothes. This is a fabulous time to build a good wardrobe. I feel confident that the clothes available this year will be worn for a few more seasons," says MacAndrew.

To acquire that mileage, women would do well to pick a basic color and accessorize around it. One of the newest color groups in evidence is the burgundy to plum range. This spectrum varies from garnet red all the way through to purple. It works superbly with the many taupes and greys that are also being shown.

A spokesperson from the Hudson's Bay Company concurs. "We cannot keep enough purple in stock. We are selling it to co-ordinate with every color from bright red to the yellow ochres," she says.

As well, Harridge's buyer, Susan Williamson, says: "The words now are clear, crisp, and classic. Clothes must be versatile. We are showing everything from blacks and camels to mauves and pastels."

Classics do not stop with the advent of evening. For instance, dress up a daytime plaid kilt with a black velvet blazer and a snow white lacey blouse.

Says Williamson: "To change any outfit from day to evening, take your suit jacket off, put the pearls on . . . and you're off."

This season's shirts vary from natty button-down oxford cloths to feminine bow-tied blouses. The freshest of these has a new stand-up collar. Show it off even more by tying an oblong scarf around it.

"Eyelet and little bows at the throat are very youthful looking," says Williamson.

Moreover, sensible dressing has returned to the legs and feet as well. To provide a longer silhouette, hose is textured or opaque. Shoes are low-heeled and comfortable.

Loafers and basic pumps are available in a variety of styles. The crepe-soled walking shoe is also making a comeback.

Browns Shoes supervisor Alain Aubin says: "Plum and burgundy are selling better than ever. The cone heel in two different heights is also very important. For casual, the tasseled mocassin is very popular.

The assistant manager of Clark Shoes, Clifton Urban, sees the lower-heeled suede shoe as a best seller.

"Suede shoes are easier to care for than leather which can stretch. Simply use an all-protector," says Urban.

Quilted coats for winter season suitable for all types of occasions

This winter, coats are designed for multi-purpose wear.

Quilted coats are as suitable for dress as for casual or sporty situations, and fake furs have evolved from "fun" to the serious business of looking like the real thing.

The fur-lined raincoat comes in price ranges from moderately expensive to the-sky's-the-limit. You can find it in lavish-looking fur fabric inside cotton polyester or synthetic suede lined in real fur.

With smart styling, a coat like this can go just about anywhere and prove a shrewd investment in a climate that delivers cold rain, wet snow and blustery winds as well as below-freezing temperatures.

Lightweight, waterproof quilted coats can be worn everywhere and perform well in cold, damp winters. In the top price range are down-filled, literally feather-light, quilted coats. Others use lightweight synthetics. Quilting can be vertical (for the slimmest effect), diagonal or in squares.

The quilted coat has come a long way from the ski scene. It's available in sleek, high-fashion versions like the wrap — Rainmaster of Montreal does a down-filled, vertical-quilted one and Croydon of Montreal has an asymmetrical, high-necked modification.

The wrap is a big look this winter. It's done in varying degrees of practicality — from a deep opening in a classic lapel to a military, square - shouldered, high-neck. Skirt fullness varies. Most wrap coats are slim, but one, done in fake Persian lamb by Adorable Junior of Montreal, has a skirt full enough to fit comfortably over any skirt in your wardrobe. It's priced at about $270.

Style magazine considers the classic wrap with easy tie belt one of the best fashion — bets for winter. The classic has been updated with details such as leather belts, boucle trim, fake furs or pile either inside or out; asymmetrycal styling and broad shoulders.

The poodle effect of imitation Persian lamb is big in many styles this winter, says, Style. In fact, fake fur in every variety, imitating every animal, can be seen now in coats. The simple truth is that real fur is out of reach in many clothing budgets this year.

Another option is leather. It's seen in smoothe or napped textures, often in warm earth tones, increasingly this year in grape, wine and aubergine.

Some of the smartest coat looks are in leather, which inspires attention to line and cut. Stitching, quilting and piping add up to a new look, providing depth and contrast that weren't evident in pre-80 leather outerwear.

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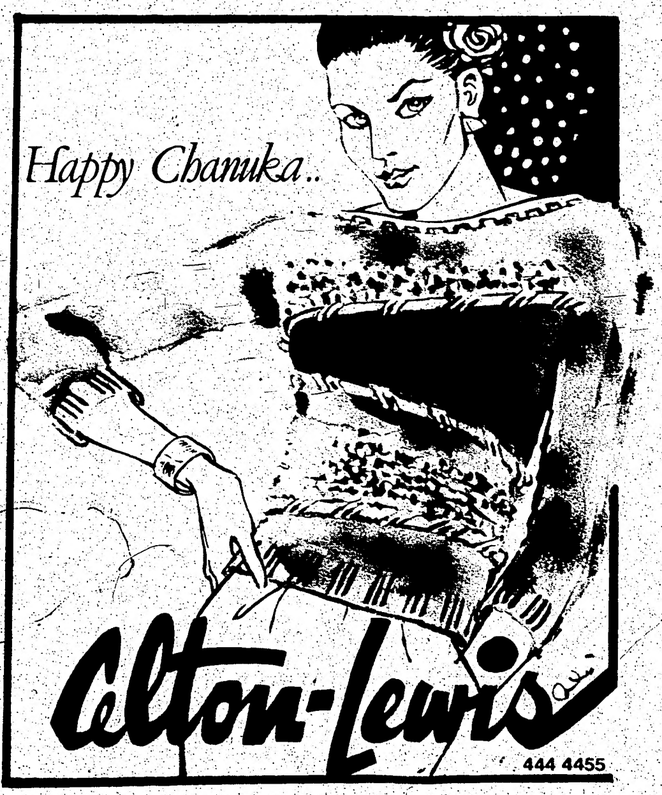

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By BERNARD BASKIN

The Jewish Almanac
Compiled and edited by
R. Siegel and C. Rheins
Bantam Books $10.95

Have you ever been a guest at one of the 12 most fashionable Jewish country clubs in the United States?

According to Stephen Birmingham — one of the 60 contributors to this giant paperbound, fact-filled compendium — the most elegant of these is the Century Country Club in Westchester County, N.Y., where for years "Russian Jews and retailers were equally frowned upon."

Many Yiddish and Hebrew words are widely used in the "American language." Hebrew words translated into English tend to be lofty and spiritual, while words of Yiddish origin are more earthy and less solemn.

Pilpul, meaning involved reasoning, is related to the Hebrew word for pepper. While a shammash is a Hebrew term for a synagogue sexton or beadle, a shamus (Yiddish from the Hebrew) is a policeman or a private investigator. Kishke is Yiddish from the Russian word for gut and means stuffed derma. It also is used literally in such a sentence as "we didn't have the kishkes to fire his secretary." Kreplach (Yiddish) comes from the French "crepe" and the Yiddish word for Cinderella is shloomperl.

What are eight widespread misconceptions that Jews hold about Judaism? It is widely believed that bar mitzvah is a verb, Judaism is a religion that never sought converts, kaddish is a prayer for the dead, Judaism doesn't accept the doctrine of an after-life, you need a rabbi to perform a marriage ceremony, Yom Kippur atones for all sins, all manner of work is forbidden on the Sabbath and Judaism is a rational religious system.

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Are you eager to see a list of the 613 commandments of the Torah, to read I. B. Singer's 1978 Nobel Prize address, to discover the rituals for Jewish exorcism with five classic accounts of exorcism through the ages, to learn of nine Jewish false Messiahs of history and a description of 10 Jewish classics from the Bible to the Shulchan Aruch? Then this olla padrida is for you.

The gallimaufry of over 600 pages contains extensive illustrations, photos maps and charts and a helpful index. Topics in the book range from the serious and reflective to the humorous and offbeat.

I don't know any other source that contains so much valuable and interesting information so readably and authoritatively presented. This can be enjoyed by all members of the family; it belongs in every Jewish home.

Exciting chapter in World War II

The Key to Rebecca
By Ken Follett
Gage, $16.95

"The Key to Rebecca," Ken Follett's third thriller in three years, brings to life an exciting chapter in World War II — Gen. Erwin Rommel's drive to capture Egypt for Hitler's Third Reich.

Rommel, the so-called desert fox, was a superb tactician who came within 60 miles of fulfilling his goal. If his army had not been stopped in its tracks at El Alamein, Egypt, possibly Palestine, would have fallen.

Hitler's favorite general was successful, to a point, for several reasons. Besides being daring, innovative and fearless, Rommel was fortunate to have in his employ a spy stationed in Cairo. This master snoop, through a combination of means, intercepted British plans and relayed them to Rommel.

Follett, who has built his reputation on flushing out actual tales of espionage, uses this background in constructing The Key to Rebecca.

The year is 1942, the locale — primarily Egypt. The British, who have occupied Egypt since 1882, are reeling from the hammer blows administered by Rommel. Enter Alex Wolff, an Egyptian of German origin. Like his henchmen in "Eye of the Needle" and "Triple," Wolff is tall, handsome, strong, ruthless, resourceful and nimble in and out of bed.

Wolff, an Egyptian nationalist and an admirer of Nazism, believes he can rid Egypt of the British if he works for the Germans. The man standing in his way is a British major, William Vandam, who recruits an Egyptian Jewish girl, Elene Fontana, to foil Wolff.

The other major characters in The Key to Rebecca are Sonja, a voluptuous belly dancer who has weird sexual tastes; Sandy Smith, a British officer who is entrapped by her charms, and Billy, Vandam's son.

In keeping with the realistic cast of Follett's novel, Anwar Sadat is trotted out as a minor character — a nationalist bent on expelling the British from his country.

To Follett's credit, the characters he has created or elaborated upon are life-like. Wolff is not overly villainous; Vandam is dogged, distant and reflective; Fontana is alluring and perky, a woman dedicated to defeating the Germans, helping the Zionist movement and improving her own lot. Sadat is portrayed as a clever and fervent patriot who has the potential to be the leader of his nation.

As in his two previous books, Follett has a special way of recreating the mood and texture of the times. He evokes the teeming, frenetic quality of Cairo, the bleak terror of the desert and the sense of impending doom as Rommel gets closer to his objective.

The Key to Rebecca is not without faults. The dialogue, particularly at the end, is occasionally corny and unreal, and the plot is remarkably similar to that of the Eye of the Needle, which remains Follett's best work. One wonders how long Follett can fall back on scenes and dramatic devices which constantly recur.

For now, however, Follett can rest on his achievement. The Key to Rebecca is generally a fine spy novel, and Follett, at 31, has a promising future as a writer.

— S.K.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Larry Solomon, in front of Hydro building.

Author of "Energy Shock" prays we'll opt for solar power

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Within a relatively short period of time, North Americans will be forced to make a crucial decision that may have a lasting impact on their lives.

Lawrence Solomon hopes they'll choose wisely.

As the supply of oil runs out, as it surely will, Canadians and Americans will be faced with a choice: solar energy or nuclear power?

Solomon, author of "Energy Shock" (Doubleday), prays they'll opt for solar power. "The energy form we select will completely dictate the nature of future society," says the 33-year-old writer. "If we decide in favor of nuclear, we will inevitably be opting for an increasingly centralized, restrictive world where public and private monopolies exert ever greater control of our lives.

"If we choose solar forms of energy, we will be voting for decentralization and, by definition, a freer society."

Solar energy, too, will enable the West to unshackle itself of its dependency on OPEC oil, he says in an interview.

Solomon, a member of the public interest advocacy group, Energy Probe, says solar energy can be harnessed from the sun, winds, tides and vegetation.

Compared to nuclear power, solar energy is cheap and safe. In the future, due to prohibitive costs, governments will find it impossible to maintain both, he claims.

"If we didn't have any alternative to nuclear energy, if it was a life and death situation, I'd favor it," Solomon says. "But we don't need it. We have a large surplus of electric generating capacity."

He doesn't advocate the massive use of coal or synthetic fuels, largely because they're too costly.

In his view, nuclear power is on the way out, and utilities like Ontario Hydro that support it will be unable to stem the tide of public opinion, which is against it.

Most Canadians, he says, do not look kindly upon the nuclear option because they fear meltdowns and feel uneasy with the concomitant waste disposal issue.

Solomon says they should also consider the question of civil liberties, which is part and parcel of the whole controversial debate on the matter.

Nuclear power systems are highly centralized, with a handful of scientists and bureaucrats controlling them. Centralization, he warns, could lead to totalitarian forms of government if the men in charge are not well-intentioned or democratic in orientation.

"Nuclear power could well end up dictating the most important decisions which must be made in our society," he says.

Even businessmen, who might be assumed to back nuclear power, are wary of it, according to Solomon, a vice-chairman of the Toronto Planning Board.

"Nuclear plants eat up lots of business capital that could otherwise be used," he says.

To illustrate his argument, Solomon points to the fact that the cost of building nuclear plants has progressively increased to such a drastic extent that the Darlington, Ont., facility now under construction will cost taxpayers $7.6 billion and take up to 14 years to build.

The government, he advises, should stop building them. "Nuclear power now meets only 1.5% of our energy needs. Considering the risks, we can easily do without it."

Solar energy, by contrast, could provide society's needs safely and relatively cheaply, argues Solomon, a native of Bucharest.

"It is estimated that up to 40% of cancers could be caused by petrochemical industries alone," he claims. "Nuclear power stations are potential sources of cancers and genetic defects on a scale that is difficult to imagine.

"And solar power can eliminate 80% to 90% of our conventional energy costs."

Politically, solar energy could be of the utmost importance, in Solomon's opinion. "Nations would be able to pursue independent foreign policies. Now they have to be conscious of Middle Eastern governments."

Israel, he notes, is a world leader in the development of solar energy. "If the West were not so dependent on Arab oil, and more energy self-sufficient, the pressure on Israel would ease," he comments.

In any case, North Americans use energy extravagantly, and utilities encourage such consumption because it increases dependence.

Solomon, whose first book was entitled "The Conserver Solution," spent much time on Energy Shock, which was released last week. In terms of financial return, the effort may be wasted. He adds: "I find books too taxing, and I don't have much more to say about energy."

Nevertheless, Solomon is confident that the thesis he expresses in Energy Shock will be heard. "I'm sure I can win over the public with my message. And the small business sector, too. I'm convinced that government will then have to bow to the will of the public."

If he is right, nuclear power reactors will go the way of the dinosaur, and solar energy will become mankind's salvation.

"Saychel" is a plus in movie business

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Only a couple of years ago, Herb Abramson was a practicing lawyer with the Toronto firm of Goodman and Carr. There are 43 lawyers in that firm and when Abramson left, his name was 10th on the letterhead. He had earned a solid spot in the firm and a big niche in the world of corporate law.

But he felt it was time to get out. It was time for a change. And that's how Herb Abramson got into the movie business and became president of Argosy Films.

"I always used to write," Abramson told The Canadian Jewish News during an interview, "but I never had anything published. I wrote a lot of comedy and at one time I even considered a career in journalism. While I was at the U of T, I was the editor of the CCF newspaper.

"I was multi-talented," he said with a smile, "writing about how terrible Batista was."

After his undergraduate studies were completed and Abramson couldn't land a job on a newspaper, he decided to try law school. "I wanted to be a labor lawyer, until I took labor law. I ended up on the other side of the spectrum, specializing in business and financing."

Abramson said that getting into films was really an accident. He was spending about 95% of his time on the film business and the intrigue won him over. "It's a very challenging industry. The creative aspects are challenging."

He said that in the movie business a lot of people always "want to be something else." Actors want to be directors. Producers want to be directors. "I like being a producer," Abramson said matter-of-factly. "A producer needs taste. He needs to know what the people want. As a producer I will not go into a deal unless I think it will make money.

"To me it's as much an industry as an art form.

Herb Abramson

And I'll defend that even if Mordecai Richler doesn't like it."

Abramson, whose first film, "The Last Chase," is expected to be a huge success, is now working on "Chatwill's Verdict." The cast is almost all Canadian, it uses Canadian labs, but it's being shot on location in Georgia.

The $1,975,000 low-budget film is going to be a money maker, in Abramson's opinion. "The major successes of recent years have been low budget movies," he said. "And the first thing I want to do when I make a film is recoup my investors' money. It's not a science, it's an art. There is no iron clad rule to tell you how to market a film."

In order to be on top of the business, Abramson opened an office in Los Angeles four months ago, and he is spending much of his time down there. But he's still a Canadain producer making Canadian films. He said he has to be in Hollywood "because the people there are still the masters of the film industry.

"In Hollywood they know what will sell in Thailand and Indonesia. It's there that I can meet the people who count."

Abramson admitted that everything about the movie business isn't always roses. He said there are problems finding good scripts. There are problems in being a Canadian producer. There are frustrations because "you deal with people . . . creative people.

"Your star can get sick . . . you can have delays caused by weather."

But through it all he strives to make quality films — films that will sell just as well in Europe as they do in North America.

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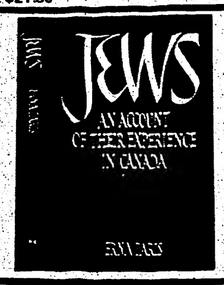

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By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

By breaking down scenes of nature into "colors and geometrical shapes" artist Vera Fisher was able to create "Windy Notion," which won first prize for painting at the Beth Tikvah art show in October.

The award winning watercolor features a large white begonia, surrounded by the petals from softly-colored red and blue flowers. The entire piece gives the impression that a breeze is stirring the flowers into activity.

Rather than describe her paintings as abstract, she prefers to say they are "freer," "looser," and contain "more impression and less definition." The artist said she finds using watercolors "a very fast medium" but eventually plans to switch to oil.

Fisher thinks there has been a shift back to nature in art and that "abstract art has exhausted all theories." She referred to the painter Edward Hopper and said that the attention being paid to this "outstanding" artist is proof of the shift.

Fisher paints basically from nature, specifically forms of plants, flowers, grass and the sky. The artwork displayed in her home, which also serves as her studio, bears witness to her interest in nature and a garden in the backyard provides one good source of inspiration.

Fisher spoke briefly with the CJN about her childhood in Hungary (which she and her family left after the 1956 revolution) and how retaining the childhood memories of watching the seasons change has affected her present work.

She mentioned that she paints in all of her free time and said that the constant development of her style has been "an integral part of my life." She has exhibited at various galleries in Toronto.

Fisher is a graduate of the art school at Central Technical High School, and was a graphic artist for a number of years. She taught art to children at the Forest Hill Resource Centre by giving them paper, playing music and encouraging "freedom of expression."

She insisits that "all children are highly creative and all people are potential artists." But the mother of two added that through conditioning, and the passing years and circumstances, the growing child "gets away from spontaneity."

Maintaining that "kids are interested in the process, not the end result," Fisher said she finds "the creative process is absorbing and satisfying (and) actualizes the subconscious feelings. It's satisfying to get them out."

Lucille Field performs at McGibbon Centre

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Lucille Field (Goodman), North America's leading feminist-oriented serious music singer, performed recently at Toronto's Pauline McGibbon Centre to a small but enthusiastic audience.

If not for scanty publicity beyond the centre's immediate subscription circles, this concert would have undoubtedly been a major event here.

The main purpose of the concert appearances by this Brooklyn College associate music professor, who has performed at Carnegie Hall and other major New York concert venues, is to expose vocal works by woman composers. Given proper publicity, such a recital would undoubtedly have aroused much justifiably sympathetic interest here.

Ms. Field, whose sister lives here, is deeply interested in Jewish culture and recently performed a successful Yiddish art-song concert at Brooklyn College. She would like to further research the works of identifiably-Jewish woman composers and learn some art-songs [as opposed to folk or pop-oriented] by Israeli women.

Three of the six composers she featured in her Toronto concert are Jewish: the 19th century German-lieder composer Josephine Lang and the contemporary Americans Dorothy Klotzman and Judith Lang Zaimont, she also featured works by the Black U.S. composer Florence B. Price (1883-1953) and the contemporary Canadians Jean Coulthard and Patricia Blomfled Holt as well as contemporary American Patsy Rogers.

Rare selections by Gustav Mahler's famous wife, Alma Schindler-Mahler, were highlighted near the evening's beginning.

Ms. Field is a chamber music soprano of first-rate elastic dramatic power which is mellowed by supreme sensitivity and subtle comprehension of complex emotional nuances. She is gloriously uninhibited when it comes to from-the-gut expression. Her skilful accompanist Joan Haas Einhorn beautifully complemented her.

The compositions she chose were of mixed quality. Generally speaking, the earlier, more melodic numbers were more listenable because their freeform lieder frameworks permitted a great melodic freedom which was blissfully utilized.

Such melody was almost deliberately avoided in the more modern works. And so, especially within the contexts of the same loose lieder-style frameworks from which nearly all the modern works were similarly constructed, the contemporary post-1960 works tended to all be disjointed academic contrivances: tedious, gloomy and lacking a fundamental musical continuity.

These reservations concerning some of the compositions should by no means be interpreted as being a criticism of what Ms. Field's basic purpose is. On the contrary, I encourage her to the hilt. The more woman composers she exposes, the better. And I hope that she'll return to Toronto very soon, both to perform a similar concert at Town Hall and perhaps to perform the Yiddish art-song concert (which was recently so successful at Brooklyn College) at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Actors visit Israel

JERUSALEM
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Israel is a favorite stopping off place for Jewish entertainers.

Film star Kirk Douglas and his wife Anne were here for two days en route to Egypt where he had been invited by President Sadat.

Douglas told Israeli journalists in Yiddish and English that he was "fulfilling a promise" to bring his wife to Jerusalem.

Yiddish star Molly Picon was in Israel last week to give three concerts in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Imaginative vocal harmonies highlight 1980 Israel Chassidic Song Festival

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

An overflow audience at Adath Israel was wildly enthusiastic about the 1980 Israel Chassidic Song Festival, presented by United Synagogue of America (Ontario Region) on Nov. 8. And little wonder. For this festival was the most tightly polished, most imaginatively choreographed and best-vocally-arranged version to date.

The traveling Chassidic Song Festival from 1968 to 1977 consisted of 90% new material, set to Biblical passages, specifically written for these annual festivals in Jerusalem. During this period, the great contemporary chassidic classics arose (such as Oseh Shalom, Yevarechachah and countless others). I am sure that much of the incentive for writing such great songs was this worldwide instant spotlight-on new-material exposure, radiating from Israel, throughout the Diaspora.

The emphasis during the past three years has been, on the contrary, nostalgic. It is true that greater familiarity (including Yiddish standards, a Fiddler medley albeit in Hebrew and East European chassidic nigunim) will more instantly warm up a Diaspora audience. And I have rarely seen the old favorites performed as well as by this 1980 ensemble.

However, the original purpose of this festival was to preserve a living contemporary Jewish culture of today by amply showcasing current new chassidic songs of today which will become classics of tomorrow. And so, in the future, while a certain amount of familiarity is perhaps necessary to warm up audiences, I would like to see two-thirds of the program consist of new material (as was, successfully, the case in the past).

Of the new selections presented here, the best song was (translated) "Open for me the Gates of Justice," featuring exciting fast vocal-harmonic parallel fifths. "V'Hancheleinu," which opened the show, was also an exciting slowly-accelerating number which defines the mature chassidic sound today: a fusion of Sephardic and Ashkenazic folk-religious styles.

This fusion was most admirably emphasized in a concluding medley entitled "Friends of All Israel" ("Chaverim Kol Israel") stressing the unity of Sephardic and Ashkenazic chassidim.

The deft, imaginative, intricate vocal harmonies were the highlight of the concert. These difficult harmonies represented some of the most inventively exciting vocalizations I have ever heard. And they were performed, often magnificently: especially on the spectacular contrapunal vocal arrangement of the 1979 festival winner, "Malchutchah" by the four male singers.

There was no emphasis on individual stars in the 8-piece vocal ensemble. Too bad, because at least two possess all the potential of international stardom. The petite Yemenite beauty Orly Kapach has a naturally fiery yet melodious verve, and I detect that she is also most capable of easily switching over to a sophisticated supper club style.

The other individual singer worthy of note is Barak Galil, whose baritone voice possesses an easy yet resonant mellow charisma.

The introduction of the individual singers was unfortunately so overpowered by the band (led by the highly dextrous pianist Effi Tuvia) that most of the audience found it difficult to catch their names.

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Rubin's major works appear in Tel Aviv show

TEL AVIV —

Israel's best known artist, Reuven Rubin, is being honored this month in the largest showing of his works ever presented.

Termed a "Homage to Rubin," a collection of more than 60 major works of the late painter who was the first Israeli artist to bring the life and landscapes of the Land of Israel to the world, is being exhibited at the Parke Gallery in Tel Aviv with the co-operation of the artist's widow, Esther Rubin. Paintings are not for sale.

The unprecedented showing of Rubin, considered the outstanding artist to appear in the Israeli art scene, covers every period in the 52-year career of the painter who died here at the age of 81.

While world-recognized for his scenes of the olive-covered Galilean hillsides, the exhibition shows the various periods of the artist's long love affair with the people and the Land of Israel. These include portraits of well-known personalities, exotic types of Jewish settlers from all corners of the globe, his family, early "little Tel Aviv," fishermen from Jaffa, huge flower pieces, along with graceful impressions of Biblical themes.

Israel's largest gallery, the two-storey Parke Gallery, managed by Bruria Gurevitch, is presenting the showing from paintings in its own collection, those of the Rubin family, the Tel Aviv Museum, private collection from Israel and abroad, and from the collection destined for the Rubin Museum in a house bequeathed by the artist to the Tel Aviv municipality.

Rubin was an "instinctive painter" who, according to the words of the artist himself, painted the three things he loved most: "my family, my land and my people." For more than half a century his work reflected the beauties of Israel, in museums, galleries and major private collections everywhere.

The current showing is presented on the 87th anniversary of the birth of the artist, and includes his last canvas — a landscape of the Galilee painted in 1974.

Born to a traditional Jewish family in Romania, Rubin first arrived in primitive Jerusalem in 1912, then spent years abroad studying, working, absorbing, often in great poverty — in Paris, New York and Romania to which he often returned to his family. He met the major influence of his life, his American-born wife Esther, on a ship sailing from the United States to Palestine in 1930.

In recognition of his talent in representing Israel, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion appointed Rubin as minister plenipotentiary to his native Romania when the state was established in 1948.

New committee established specifically to facilitate absorption of Russian artists

By PAULA RUBIN

JERUSALEM —

A special challenge in the process of absorbing olim into Israeli society is posed by approximately 500 artists who come to Israel each year, primarily from Russia, reports the Interministerial Committee for Absorbing Immigrant Artists, jointly sponsored by the Jewish Agency and ministry of absorption.

Established in 1975, the committee has a budget of $100,000 a year, funded in part by U.I.A. — Keren Hayesod campaigns around the world.

"These artists face particular problems, due to the nature of their vocation," says David Angel, national supervisor for absorbing immigrant artists. "Our task is to assist them in a variety of ways, including grants and information."

This group consists of painters, sculptors, musicians, film producers, actors, writers, even journalists, many of whom immigrate to Israel stripped of their previous works or musical instruments.

Communist countries forbid emigrant Jews from taking art works away from their native homes. These same artists and more cannot afford art supplies and instruments to build new careers in Israel. Others do not know where to seek art-related jobs. All are hindered by the different language and culture.

Seen in this light, the Committee for Absorbing Immigrant Artists is regarded as Godsend — supplying crucial answers to questions of employment while cushioning the initial shock of a new culture.

"The grant I received for art supplies helped me the most," said 27-year-old Naria Moye, an immigrant from Greenwich, Conn. now living in Jerusalem. Additional funds for advertising and renting a gallery for Moye's first 2-week Israeli exhibition were also provided by the committee.

"The committee helped me find a job," said 35-year old Moshe Fleishman, assistant curator of the Israel Museum's youth wing. An abstract painter, Fleishman immigrated to Israel in January, 1975, from Santiago, Chile, living today in Jerusalem. "In Chile, I worked full-time as a painter but in Israel the economic situation makes it impossible for me to do that," he says.

Special monthly grants fund certain artists with "creation time" income. "I was granted a stipend for half-a-year to prepare an exhibition," said Boris Penson, painter and former Prisoner-of-Zion. Now 34, and living in Netanya, Penson spent nine years in a Russian labor camp before immigrating to Israel in April, 1979.

Committee aid enabled pianist Dr. Yitzhak Kusov to support himself and his family during the first six months he lived in Jerusalem. "When I came to Jerusalem, I had no money and only two students at the Rubin Academy. With a salary from only two students, it was impossible to live," he said.

Dr. Kusov, 42, immigrated to Israel from Russia with his wife and son in July, 1979. He began teaching piano at the Rubin Academy of Music shortly after moving to Jerusalem in January. "The committee helped me to live well for six months," said Drt. Kusov. "I was able, during that time to acquire more students which makes me financially independent today," he added.

"Immigrant artists must pass reviews by professional committees before we agree to help them," stressed Interministerial Committee Administrator Aliza Aulish. However, artists without prior professional experience may receive financial aid if they prove themselves.

Internationally - acclaimed pianist Natasha Tadson possessed no professional experience when she immigrated to Israel from Russia in 1975 at the age of 18. She settled here with her mother and now lives in a Tel Aviv suburb. "Natasha Tadson was a young student when she came to Israel, and did not fit the category of an immigrant artist," said David Angel, "but the committee recognized Tadson's talent and subsequently financed her participation in the 1975 Munich International Competition; she won top prize."

Tadson later won silver medals in the 1977 Arthur Rubenstein and 1978 Queen Elizabeth competitions.

Immigrant musicians receive partial grants and loans to help them purchase instruments. They are loaned instruments until fully prepared to buy their own. Settlement town orchestras organized by the committee place those musicians not qualified to perform in major orchestras.

Committee projects expedite the absorption of other immigrant artists as well:

Actors receive Hebrew diction courses enabling them to enter Israeli theatre.

Writers' first books are published and translated into other languages via the committee.

Film directors are enrolled in a two-year program producing science and technology films.

Artists unable to secure full-time jobs in their specialties are sent to two-year seminars where they learn how to teach their crafts in Israeli schools.

Immigrant artists are eligible to receive committee aid up to five years after making aliya; seven years for writers.

Venezuelan is honored, Bar Ilan establishes chair

RAMAT-GAN, ISRAEL — The first academic Chair for Research into Human Modifiability and Development of Intelligence in the world has been inaugurated at Bar-Ilan University in honor of Dr. Luis Alberto Machado, Venezuelan minister for the development of human intelligence.

Speaking at the special ceremony attended by Israeli Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, top members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of government offices, academicians and leading communal figures from Israel and abroad, Dr. Machado said that every man had the right to develop his potential to the utmost and to be intelligent. Science today knew of ways of increasing human intelligence and it was the duty of governments all over the world to make these available to all, he said.

At the inaugural ceremony greetings were brought by Samuel Cula-Rosenblatt, president of the Friends of Bar-Ilan in Caracas, Venezuela, and Zoltan Gasper, of Venezuela, a member of the Bar-Ilan board of trustees. Prof. Shlomo Eckstein, the rector, expressed the hope that the Chair would yield positive results. Prof. Emauel Rackman, president of the University, presented Dr. Machado with the inaugural scroll.

Following the inauguration, there was a 2-day conference on "Human Modifiability: an Outlook for the Future." Besides leading academicians from Bar-Ilan, the participants included Dr. Eduardo Castaneda, director of planning at the Venezuelan ministry of education; Dr. Jose Domingues Ortega, of the Venezuelan ministry for the development of human intelligence; Dr. Naum Kliksberg; Prof. Milton Schwebel, dean of the graduate school of psychology at Rutgers University; Prof. Abraham J. Tannenbaum, of Columbia Teachers Colledge, and Eliezer Shmueli, director-general of the Israeli ministry of education and culture.

Dr. Machado has held many public offices in Venezuela. In 1979, immediately after taking office, Venezuelan President Dr. Luis Herrera Campins appointed him minister for the development of human intelligence.

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Among Dr. Machado's books are "The Revolution of the Intelligent" and "The Right to be Intelligent."

Among the activities planned for the Chair are special courses in education and psychology and later in social sciences and criminology, study days, conferences, research, publications, lectures, and provision of scholarships for students to pursue intensively pertinent subjects.

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Travel

Israelis attracted to nearby Greece

by CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

Greece is only an hour-and-a-half flight from Ben Gurion Airport, which perhaps explains why so many Israelis go there for vacation. This Israeli took the trip, and not very long after seat belts were fastened we began the descent to Athens. We share with you some random impressions that might be somewhat different from those of the usual tourist.

On many of the antiquities we saw disgraceful graffiti scratched or painted onto the rocks in a dozen or more languages, but to our great pride we found not a single inscription in Hebrew. It was not for lack of any Hebrew speakers. On at least one of our sightseeing buses Israelis constituted the largest single national group, though all of us had come independently of each other.

Our neighbors were in great evidence in Athens. Many stores display sales signs in Arabic, and news stands carry Arabic papers.

We bought a copy of the Saudi Gazette, published in Jeddah, and the Arab Times, published in Kuwait, both in English. From their columns we learned of the plans to place UN sanctions on Israel; of the discovery in Saudi Arabia of a medicinal water which cures scabbies in camels; of a new law which calls for confiscation of shotguns found with children in city areas; an editorial complaining that students at Kuwait University are so unsophisticated they don't even know how to cheat properly; and much more.

The magnificent Temple of Athena on the Acropolis next to the Parthenon was built by Greek volunteers in the middle of the fifth century BCE to celebrate the defeat of the Persian invaders. What project in Israel could command a great outpouring of volunteer support from world Jewry, and stand as a memorial to their efforts for a thousand years or more? And we thought: the digging of the canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea — an opportunity for a major demonstration of support for Israel through a constructive undertaking. Perhaps we could learn from the Greeks.

There is much we could learn from the Greeks. They are polite, helpful, honest and know how to take care of tourists, though their language is — well, Greek to us. What can one say for a language in which neh means yes, and o-keh means no! In restaurants we did master and properly pronounce o-key kray-ass [no meat].

We visited the Jewish Museum in Athens, the first museum in the country devoted to the history and culture of an ethnic minority. It is a labor of love by Hanan Stavroulakis, director and curator. He is preserving physical and visual testimony of one of the fascinating Jewish communities of Europe, one whose unbroken existence can be traced for more than 2,000 years.

Hanan insists that his museum is dedicated to life, but it is also filled with memories of death. One of the most striking: 15 canvas bags filled with the petty belongings of the Jews of Thrace and Macedonia who were rounded up and turned over to the Nazis. Trustingly, they got "receipts" for their valuables. The bags contain family pictures, rings, silver spoons, watches, etc.

Someone, somewhere, should give this museum generous much-needed support.

We took the Athens subway from Omonia to Piraeus and from Monastiraki to Kiffissia, and wondered when Tel Aviv would solve its transit problems with an underground.

We climbed to the Temple of Apollo at Delphi, presented our problems to the Oracle, and got the same reply we received when we tucked our little note into the cracks of the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Against the advice of the natives we climbed the 980 steps leading up to the fort of Palamidi in Nauplia, and found it far less fatiguing than our climb up Jebel Musa in the Sinai.

The teleferik funicular up to St. George's Church was not as impressive as that to the grottos at Rosh Hanikra, but the view from the top was magnificent.

We scrambled over old temples at Epidaurus and Aegina, Corinth and Poros; we wandered through miles of museum corridors and saw millions (it seemed) of Grecian urns. We saw evidences of Helladic and Mycenean and Minoan civilizations. We heard of Zeus, Apollo, Athena, Hermes, Pan and Aphrodite; of Pericles, Socrates, Herodotus, Phidias, Homer and Alexander.

We boarded the plane for home and came back to Jerusalem, Haifa, Tiberias, Safed and Kibbutz Degania; to the land of Abraham and Joshua, David and Solomon and Isaiah; to the home of Judah Hanassi, Josef Caro, the Ari and Yoel Moshe Salomon; Joseph Trumpeldor, Ben Gurion, Chaim Weizmann and S. J. Agnon.

Athens and Jerusalem — a subject for philosophical contemplation.

Water sports abound outside San Juan's posh hotels.

Spanish hospitality is evident throughout historic Puerto Rico

By JAMES MONTAGNES

It was in La Fortaleza, the governor's mansion, that this travel reporter became acquainted with Puerto Rican hospitality. The governor's lady, on receiving us, said "esta es su casa," and to make sure we understood translated into English: "this is your house."

It was not just polite conversation, as I learned on my several visits to the island. Spanish hospitality abounds here, especially if you visit old San Juan and the inland island communities.

Modern San Juan is found around the beach resorts of the island's capital and environs, with highrise hotels, gourmet restaurants with extravagant menus.

All the big hotels have first class night shows with top names from the United States, Spain and Latin America. There are numerous night clubs as well in the hotel district and government supervised gambling with roulette, dice and blackjack the main games of chance. If you don't gamble, it is still fun to watch.

Unless you stick to the beach, you cannot escape the feeling that you are treading on historic ground. As you walk the narrow streets of old San Juan to visit historic buildings or its numerous small artisan shops, you can almost feel the presence of the Spanish nobles and their soldiers who held the island from 1493 to 1898, when it was ceded to the United States.

Fortifications built at the tip of San Juan held the island immune from seizure, except for one short period of 157 days in 1562 when British troops managed to gain an entrance. Disease won and the English left. No other foreign power occupied it till after the Spanish-American War in 1898.

It was the fortress of El Morro which warded off the attacks from Sir Francis Drake and others. You'll see why when you visit this vast pile of masonry, much of it built by imported slave labor since it was started in 1539. You can pretend to be a Spanish soldier as you stand at one of the old cannons in the 15-foot thick walls and glaze out to sea. More than 100 feet below the Atlantic breaks in white foam and spray against the lichen-shrouded walls.

El Morro today is a national historic site maintained by the U.S. National Park Service. It is so big there is even a golf course within its walls.

The old city has many small tree-shaded parks where the local citizens take their rest and exchange gossip. Gardens are filled with poinsettias which grow tall. Gardenias and hibiscus are abundant and flaming red flamboyant trees are found in gardens and along roads.

Streets in old San Juan are lined with stores selling handcarved figures, native tortoise shell items, coconut masks and musical instruments such as guicharos, maracas and cuatros. Jewelry is made from seeds as well as ceramics. There is a wide choice of Pampano palm leaf products, bamboo novelties and woven rugs produced from island-grown materials.

Puerto Rico is full of surprises for a small island. It has rain forests, cactus forests, orchid farms, rugged landscapes, winding hilly roads and plenty of beaches.

On the south coast is the little fishing village of Parguera, located on Phosphorescent Bay. At night in a boat on the bay you can see fish under the boat or leaping out of the water like showers of light, especially if there is no moon. The phosphorescent current of the water lights up every moving thing, and there is even a light reflection from the wake of your boat.

Not far from Parguera is Reserve Forestal Guanica, the cactus forest. There is so little rainfall here that cactus grows tall.

In contrast there is the rain forest in the Luquillo Mountains, some 25 miles (40 km) east of San Juan. You climb on excellent roads from sea level until you are just under the island's three tallest mountains of which El Yunque, 3,496 feet (1,065 metres) is best known.

At the lowest levels in the rain forest the annual rainfall is 190 inches (4.8 m). You are likely to run into a short shower no matter how brief your visit. Here you travel along roads between giant ferns up to 30 feet (9 m) in height, palm trees, slender bamboo trees and wild orchids.

In the island's centre, after an hour's drive from San Juan up and down winding roads, is Barranquitas, where the government operates a training school for hotel chefs and waiters.

From Barranquitas you can travel south through never-ending hills, tropical flower-lined roads, rich coffee plantations to the south coast and Ponce, the island's second city, founded in 1692.

San Juan has Conservative and Reform synagogues and a community centre in the Santurce area. Though Jews came with the early Spanish settlers as Marranos [converted during the Spanish Inquisition] the present Jewish community is less than 50 years old.

Orange Bowl offers extravaganza

MIAMI —

The Orange Bowl Festival, Greater Miami's biggest and brightest celebration, will offer the best lineup of events for 1980-81, in its 47-year history.

More than a million dollars has been spent to stage this annual extravaganza that includes a 30-day (Dec. 19-Jan. 17) fiesta which attracts an influx of visitors from all over the world.

Highlights of the many-faceted festival include the Orange Bowl college football classic, matching the winner of the Big Eight Football Conference and a highly ranked opponent (including a world-famous half-time show), New Year's night; the King Orange jamboree parade, which will feature more than 30 lavish floats with the theme "The Great Silver Screen," Dec. 31 while a Royal Canadian Mounted Police unit will be on parade, and the fourth annual Orange Bowl Marathon, Jan. 17, will attract runners from across the country plus foreign entrants.

The Great Silver Screen is the theme of the New Year's Eve parade in which 30 floats will roll down Biscayne Blvd. and Flagler St., for the enjoyment of 500,000 spectators. More than 20 bands will provide musical selections and formations. Some of the featured floats will honor such popular movies as: The Sound of Music, The Music Man, Cleopatra, The Wizard of Oz, Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines, Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang, The Greatest Show on Earth, True Grit, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes and South Pacific.

The winner of the Big Eight College Football Conference title and a highly ranked opponent will battle in the 47th annual Orange Bowl football classic the night of Jan. 1. The excitement of the game only may be matched by the halftime show which will feature more than 800 performers co-ordinated by choreographers from Opryland, in Nashville, with the theme, "I Hear America Singing."

A special "fifth quarter" has been added to the football game to spotlight a Royal Canadian Mounted Police unit in a 20-minute musical parade immediately following the final gun, in the Canadians' first appearance in the southeastern United States.

The fourth annual Orange Bowl Marathon has attracted runners from literally every state in the union plus 20 foreign countries. Between 3,000 and 5,000 participants are expected to compete in the marathon which starts and ends in the Orange Bowl, Jan. 17.

Calder Race Course will be graced by the presence of the Orange Bowl Queen and her court of four princesses for a featured Orange Bowl horse race, Dec. 30.

Superstar tennis pros Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe and Chris Evert were all previous winners of the Orange Bowl world junior tennis tournament. The tourney is perhaps the best opportunity to see the top junior players who will be tomorrow's pros. The Marriott Hotel and Racquet Club will host the 16-year division Dec. 19-24, while the 18-year division site is Flamingo Park, Dec. 21-28.

Ten of the nation's best performing bands compete for the crown of being the country's finest at the Orange Bowl Stadium Dec. 29.

The Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel will welcome the Orange Bowl fashion show and luncheon, produced by Jordan Marsh, Dec. 29. Styles featured will be for men and women.

The 47th annual Orange Bowl Festival is sponsored by the Orange Bowl Committee, comprised of prominent leaders in the Greater Miami community.

Exotic locations for adventurous

TORONTO —

If you are tired of the crowded beaches in Florida and would like to visit a more exotic location for your next vacation, you might consider the Phillipines, Mombassa Beach in Kenya or Goa in India.

Allan I. Glassman, the president of Genesis Travel has visited these relatively undiscovered destinations, "after experiencing the frustration of vacationing in traditional resorts, particularly in the busy seasons."

Glassman started to search for elegant, exclusive resorts around the world and once a possible site was identified, it was visited. He now has a confirmed roster full of alternative vacation spots for "the sophisticated travelers," and said he was amazed by the number of Europeans who had already discovered the areas. These locations offer all of the conventional features such as swimming, tennis and fishing, plus opportunities to experience "unique cultures."

He referred to a "sensational" hotel situated on nine miles of private beach in Goa and said that although there is an Indian-Hindu atmosphere, the region at one time belonged to Portugal. The area still has a medieval presence.

Animal hunting trips, scuba and snorkeling are some of the activities provided in Mombassa Beach. The first-class traveler will pay no more than $40 per day for hotel and breakfast, while the Phillipines will cost no more than $100 per day including food, tennis and boating, said Glassman.

A three-week trip such as Glassman describes costs approximately $1,500 return for one adult (prices subject to change.)

Although the cost of a flight to India may be more than one to Barbados, the cost per day is reduced by one-third to one-half, he stressed.

He said he does not organize trips to these places but sends people on an individual basis, and added that these exotic locations are for "a guy who can afford the better things in life."

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Best fishing at Mexican Pacific resort is during winter months

By JAMES MONTAGNES

Thirty-six miles of fine sand beaches with an island-studded Pacific Ocean background have made Mazatlan one of the popular west coast Mexican resorts. A whole string of modern beach hotels and motels, at rates below those of Acapulco and Puerto Vallarta, has helped keep them filled to capacity throughout the winter months.

You need not leave the beach resorts during your entire stay in Mazatlan for the souvenir salesman come right to your hotel, standing on the beach during the long hot sunny days, showing their embroidered long dresses, native made sandals, straw hats and baskets, and colorful woven blankets or locally-made serapes. They line up on the beach displaying their wares and are ready to bargain.

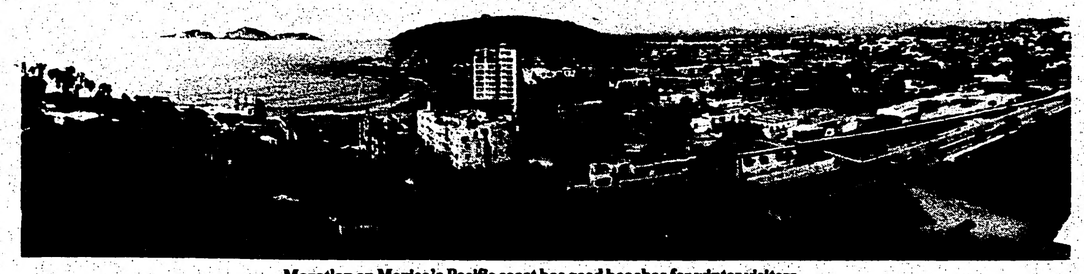
Mazatlan is an important seaport and fishing centre, a city of about 160,000 people, and the shopping is not confined to the beach salesman. There are jewelery shops where Mexican silver and gold ornaments are available, craft shops for painting, leatherwork, and carved woodenware, resort clothing in latest fashions, and even a glass factory where you can watch glass bowls and figures made before your eyes.

Visitors come here to soak up the sun. Most winter months there is no rain and a few white clouds lazily cross the deep blue sky.

Straw-thatched shade huts line the public beaches, especially in front of the hotels.

The beaches are all public in Mexico. The main highway, the Malecon, stretches along the beach and is lined with benches for rest and to drink in the sun, while the shops, hotels and restaurants line the other side of the road.

Daytime temperatures are in the F70s (22 Celsius) most of the winter, with evenings a bit cooler.



Mazatlan on Mexico's Pacific coast has good beaches for winter visitors.

The good fishing season is during the winter months, for sailfish weighing an average of 100 pounds. They go much bigger in weight, one marlin weighing 720 pounds having been boated recently after 2½ hours of struggle.

Sport fishing originally put Mazatlin on the map and is still a major attraction. Some 5,000 big fish are caught annually, weighing from 140 to 190 pounds. Eight fleets of charter boats operate from the central dock. Some of these cruisers have three fishing chairs, the latest in tackle and experienced crews. Make reservations early — though on some slow days you can bargain for a rental price.

You can also try your luck offshore for dorado, yellowfin tuna, but sailfish, striped blue and black marlin are the favorite fish off this part of Mexico's coast.

If you want more activity, there is at least one 9-hole golf course near the city, a miniature golf course in town, scuba diving off the coastal islands, water-skiing, surfing and parachute-skiing. You are strapped into a seat attached to a parachute, with water skis on your feet. A fast boat starts you off and within seconds you are in the air, flaoting lazily above the palm trees and beach, the speeding boat keeping the wire taut on your parachute. As the boat slows down you come floating slowly to land in the water close to your starting point. It's a trip worth trying.

There is a daily 3½-hour jungle cruise in the Mazatlin Bay and inland waterways on 24-passenger cruisers. As you near some of the islands you will see, smell and hear colonies of seals and sea lions.

You can rent a car or take a bus tour of the city and its environs, look over the town from the El Faro lighthouse, 505 feet above the ocean. It is claimed to be the second highest lighthouse in the world, after Gibraltar. There are lookouts along the coast, even one designed heart-shaped for lovers. The town's most sumptuous houses cling to the steep cliffs.

Fish dominates in many of the city's good restaurants, with fresh-caught shrimp, dolphin and lobster as specialties. You'll also find Mexican food and steaks from Mexican cattle available.

Nightclubs and hotel entertainment varies, but everywhere you'll find mariachi bands playing typical Mexican folklore music on violins, trumpets, drums and guitar, while xylophones or marimbas will also be used frequently. Night-club entertainment includes local and Sinaloa state folkdances, comedy skits and even cockfights with real live roosters fighting.

Despite reports of gloom and doom El Al is in process of a "turnaround"

By CHARLES LAZARUS

Yitzhak Shander

MONTREAL — Yitzhak Shander, El Al's acting president and a key figure in the birth growth of Israel's international carrier, is convinced that the airline is already well into the process of a "turnaround" — in service, efficient management, public image, and economics.

Shander was in Montreal for the 36th annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the global body of air carriers concerned with such matters as fares, operational costs, safety and security.

While not encouraging interviews with the general media in Montreal, where IATA world headquarters are located, Shander nevertheless agreed to meet with The Canadian Jewish News, obviously as a means of delivering the message here that, despite the plethora of gloom and doom reports, the final chapter on El Al is still far from being written.

"Basically," said Shender, "the challenge is that within itself, El Al must show, and that means everyone from top to bottom, that we're turning around the company. This turnaround has to be shown in three specific areas: an improved financial situation, keeping the passenger happy and bringing passengers back to El Al."

He pointed out, for example, that since Project Turnaround went into high gear months ago with El Al's precarious financial situation providing the catalyst, "our on-time departures, around 95%, are about the best in the world."

Shander, who was interviewed between the IATA sessions, where the consensus of delegates representing 106 member airlines focused mainly on the industry critical economic situation, also described as "pure speculation" in the Israeli press and television the reports of executive dismissals and closing of El Al offices in North America.

The Canadian operation, with headquarters in Montreal, where Dov Adiv, one of the El Al pioneers is managing director for all of Canada, is a case in point:

There are no present plans or intentions, Shander insisted, of tampering with El Al's Canadian operation and particularly as concerns the status of managing director Dov Adiv.

Shander flatly rejected recent reports in the Israeli media that the axe would drop very shortly on certain management and marketing executives in several overseas points, including Canada.

"Our main objective at this point," he said, "is to increase the RPP (revenue per passenger) through more efficient operation, which calls for, among other things, reduction of operating costs through streamlining the number of employees required for efficient operations, keeping the passengers happy, and acquiring new aircraft — carrying more at less cost."

Shander also said: "Taking the first step is dealing with reality," which would also involve the government of Israel recognizing the need for financial support at this time.

He pointed out that, although there has been no official word, "my feeling is that once we have completed correcting ourselves internally, a process which has already made good progress, the government has to recognize the fact that sovereign Israel must have an airline."

Shander also made these points regarding El Al specifically, and the industry in general:

In the matter of charters, "there is no reason for us to change our policy which calls for accepting the philosophy of charters, providing the original rules and objectives are followed."

This means "that only those who legitimately qualify to fly by charter, with a 40-group" and follow the affinity provisions, be accepted as charter passengers. The manner in which charters operate at the present has resulted in an uncontrolled situation.

In the matter of international fares, attempts by the United States to deregulate tariffs, agreed to by IATA members, could only further hurt the industry.

Among the many resolutions approved at the final IATA sessions here was one accusing the United States of attenpting to impose unrealistic policies that would permit uncontrolled competition.

"Eventually," said Shander, "the American policy of deregulation of fares will have to be streamlined, since it obviously hasn't worked.

"We are doing everything possible, believe me to correct whatever needs correcting at El Al, and we are making progress.

"It is no picnic letting go 25% of our labor force, but everyone must contribute to bringing El Al back to economic health. There are certain things we, or any airline cannot control, such as the soaring cost of fuel, airport charges and inflation affecting the payroll.

"But we are out on a dramatic program of more revenue per passenger aircraft, and reminding businessmen abroad, particularly in North America, that the El Al freight service is one of the best. Canadian Jewry among others, should take advantage of Israel's excellent facilities for conventions and special-interest groups."

El Al party in Egypt

CAIRO (JCNS) — Hundreds of Egyptian guests and foreign diplomats attended a reception in the Cairo Hilton organized by El Al, the Israeli national airline, to mark the opening of its new offices in the Egyptian capital.

This, and the quiet dropping by the Egyptians of plans to restrict tourists from Israel visiting the Santa Catherina Monastry site in Sinai, have been welcomed in Jerusalem as indicating that the process of normalizing relations between Israel and Egypt are being strengthened.

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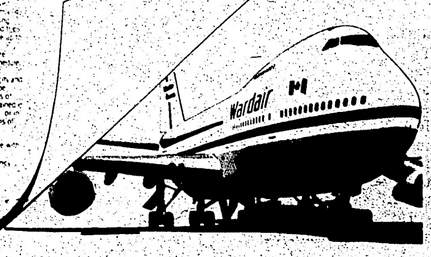

Reva Gerstein will receive a tribute for multi-faceted career

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Long before Betty Freidan, Phyllis Chesler and Germaine Greer shocked crusty sensibilities by proclaiming the equality of sexes, Reva Gerstein was practicing women's lib with a vengeance — a solitary, talented lady in a man's world.

Gerstein, a psychologist with a doctorate in her field, was taught from childhood by her father, David Appleby, that a woman was just as good as a man — a notion that has gained greater currency of late.

"He treated me as an equal," says Gerstein, one of Canada's most distinguished women. "I've never known the feeling of being uncomfortable as a woman."

A mother and grandmother, Gerstein is regarded by her peers as a remarkable person, not only in education, but in business and government as well.

On Dec. 1, at the Royal York Hotel, friends, acquaintances and associates will honor Gerstein for her contributions to Canada.

A member of the Order of Canada, and a past president of the National Council of Jewish Women, she has had a full, professionally satisfying life.

She has taught diagnostic and clinical testing — and other subjects — at the University of Toronto and York University. She has worked on major provincial educational reports, served as president and chairman of the Toronto Mental Health Clinic, founded a youth service network and, most recently, was on a task force on policing in Ontario.

Last year, Joe Clark appointed her to his transitional committee, and in 1977, he named her head of a policy advisory council to prepare the Conservatives for power. When he was elected Prime Minister, Clark offered Gerstein a senior post in the civil service.

Proud of her penchant for "figures," Gerstein — a petite figure with auburn hair — sits on the board of four companies — McGraw-Hill Ryerson, Maritime Life, Avon and Inco. Not bad for a woman who was once told she couldn't intern in a Toronto mental hospital because she was Jewish.

She grew up in Toronto when university quotas were the norm and when women were expected by society to conform to traditional stereotypes.

Gerstein, who says she's "around 60," bucked the traditions of the day, in her own quiet way, because of her upbringing and because of her consistent desire to walk where others feared to tread.

Her father, an importer, was perhaps the prime influence on her life. "He was a very unassuming, humble man," she says, referring to David Appleby, a Polish Jew who died last year at 86. "He travelled a great deal and loved learning. You know, he read dictionaries."

Diana, her mother, taught her daughter the meaning of love and of caring for her fellow man.

Together, David and Diana Appleby imparted to their children the timeless Judaic idea of service to the community. "We were raised in Parkdale, a completely non-Jewish area of Toronto," she recalls. "My parents were citizens of the world, and I was raised with that background."

Gerstein, the eldest child in the family, has two brothers — Irving, a dentist, and Sidney, an electronic engineer. "I've been surrounded by men all my life," she chuckles.

During the Depression, she studied at the University of Toronto, forming a decades-long association with that institution. In 1938, after gaining her degree, she applied for an internship at a local hospital, only to be rejected because she belonged to the wrong religion.

"I felt very badly . . . but those were the rules. I found something else to do. I never banged my head on the wall. I believed that real competence eventually gets through."

Back then, even brilliance of mind was not enough, she notes, without a trace of rancor in her voice. Jewish students were faced by a 6% quota at the U of T's medical faculty; Jews were barred from the classroom as teachers, and all hospitals save Mount Sinai turned away Jewish interns.

"It seems like an incredible thing in this day and age," she muses, somewhat amazed by the changes since the post-war period. "We've made tremendous strides in this connection."

When World War II began, and the U of T was desperately short of instructors, the university waived its prejudices and hired Gerstein as a lecturer in psychology. "I was the only woman there," she says.

In the intervening years, she made her mark on a society so dominated by males:

She continued, until quite recently, to teach psychology, both at the graduate and undergraduate levels; she ran a youth hostel program for transient students; she supervised the Toronto Mental Health Clinic, the psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents; she was the first president of the National Canadian Council on Children and Youth; she founded an agency to co-ordinate efforts of some 20 organizations grappling with the problems of drug abuse; she chaired a study on pediatric services in the city.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Reva Gerstein to be honored.

In the 1960s, Gerstein was involved in several pathfinding studies probing the state of education in Ontario. Last year, she was a member of a task force on police hiring, training and promotion commissioned by the province's attorney-general. The report she and her fellow commissioners released indicated that policemen should be better informed and more tolerant of new immigrants and visible minorities than the man on the street.

Nearly three years ago, Joe Clark asked her to lead a 21-member policy advisory council to formulate a program for the Conservatives. After the Conservatives defeated the Liberals, Gerstein served on a committee designed to ease the party into its new, commanding position.

The Conservatives stumbled within days of the victory when Clark announced that he would keep an election campaign promise and move Canada's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. "Clark was very affected by his trip to Jerusalem," she says. "His heart was in the right place when he made his pledge. But he wasn't politically astute enough."

During her flirtation with politics, Gerstein learned to appreciate that political change is not easily facilitated. "What goes on in the House of Commons isn't always related to what goes on out there," she observes.

But she did gain respect for politicians, a breed of man alternately loved and held in contempt by the people. "They give up a lot for politics. The press in on their heads constantly. Yesterday's achievements are almost foregotten by everyone."

Clark invited her to be deputy minister of health and welfare, but she declined. "I didn't want to live in Ottawa. I wanted to be with my family and my husband."

Her second husband, whom she married last autumn, is David Raitblatt, a retired industrialist who is on the board of the Toronto Symphony. She had two sons with her first husband — Irving, president of Peoples Jewellers, and Ira, an advertising/media consultant.

A few years ago, Gerstein diversified her interests by accepting the first of four offers to sit on a company board. "My experience in university affairs led me to deal with large sums of money," she explains. "I understand figures."

When she joined McGraw-Hill Ryerson, the fear in the boardroom was that she would do little else but push for woman's rights. But they were mistaken. "You just sound like we do," one director told her weeks later, in a burst of flattery.

Gerstein, who is honorary secretary of the Stratford Festival and a trustee of the Hospital for Sick Children, is not a feminist in the strictest sense of the word. "I've never been in the forefront of the women's moyement," she points out. "I don't go on boards to bring a woman's view. I'm not there doing a woman's role, though I'm not against what they're doing."

She thinks she has held her own in the rarified atmosphere of the boardroom. "No, I don't feel intimidated by the men," she says. "I can be as hard-nosed as they are . . . but also human. We respect each other."

In her opinion, women have come a long way. "They're showing men they can handle a variety of jobs. But they aren't equal in pay, and some men still feel threatened by women."

Given her massive work load, Gerstein has relatively little time left for herself. But when she's free, she and her husband take advantage of the city's many cultural facilities. "I love music, art, drama, ballet, opera," she says. "This is my safety valve."

She has no idea how much longer she'll carry on at her frenetic pace. But when she steps down and ends her multi-faceted career, Reva Gerstein — truly a liberated woman — will no doubt feel that it was worthwhile — the problems, the aggravations, the disappointments notwithstanding.

Asked how she'd like to be remembered by a generation of women who never knew the problems she endured, she says: "I'd just like them to know I was someone who cared and did the best I could."

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Beth Tzedec's speakers include Israel's towering personalities

By JACK ORENSTEIN
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The Beth Tzedec pulpit serves as a podium at which renown public figures may address the community. Here, the former Prime Minister of Israel, the late David Ben-Gurion, addresses a full house of 5,000, shortly after the Six Day War.

The synagogue has been the historic vehicle for the preservation of Jewish life and Judaic values. There the voice of our people's conscience always found its supreme expression. For more than a score of centuries the synagogue has been the solid foundation for our religious idealism and our vitality as a people.

Our own building is of course beautiful, an inviting architectural attraction which people from all over the world come to see. But what they mainly take away with them are impressions of its religious and cultural life — memories of a reverent service, of a moving sermon, of a thought provoking lecture.

Beth Tzedec Congregation has truly earned its reputation as one of the great synagogues on the continent. It has received merited praise for its rich programming — splendid in content and significant for the life of the Toronto Jewish community.

To endure, the synagogue must be a place from which people will receive a compelling moral message and where they will develop an enhanced consciousness of the richness and diversity of existence. It has to be a home both for public worship and for private communion with the Eternal. It must also be a place where the scholar speaks and where new ideas are shaped.

What has added a special dimension to my working at Beth Tzedec over the past 25 years is the sense I have, sometimes approaching a feeling of awe, that in the synagogue I am both a witness to and a participant in the great drama of unfolding Jewish existence — its trials and sorrows, its dreams and hopes, its yearnings and aspirations. Permit me to cite a few scenes from this drama.

Shortly after I came here, I was a moved onlooker at the closing ceremonies of one of our two parent congregations. I sat silent beside men and women who were wiping a tear from their eyes, not so much because of sadness owing to leaving an aging synagogue building, but because of sentiment arising from happy memories and associations.

Of course, they were feeling a little sad at the thought of parting from an old and dear friend they loved, a building of brick and mortar which for many years gave them shelter and warmth. But they were not. I quickly realized, abandoning their home of 50 years, or divorcing themselves from its history so much as taking its spirit with them to their new home in this very building.

We have been blessed in our synagogue with rabbis and teachers who know how to bring the "word" to the membership and to the public. Noted throughout the continent as a dynamic orator and a brilliant lecturer, Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg was also a prolific writer, and the author of many books. A vigorous exponent of Jewish learning for both children and adults, he initiated major programs for each shortly after coming to Toronto early in 1956 to assume the pulpit of our congregation.

In 1957 he encouraged the congregation to establish a foundation school for the primary day school grades, the first congregational day school in our city, and the forerunner of the highly successful United Synagogue Day School housed in our building for the past 20 years. Simultaneously, he initiated the Great Weekends with Great Jews series and the Annual Institutes of Ethics and Religion — lecture programs that made a strong impact on the congregation and the community.

I recall the excitement that greeted the inaugural weekend with the venerable and controversial Dr. Mordechai M. Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, then 75 years of age, and today, living in Jerusalem and approaching his 100th birthday. The dazzling list of speakers who addressed these institutes and Great Weekends over more than a decade numbered world-renowned scholars and internationally famous figures.

Who can forget the memorable Weekend with Moshe Sharett, a former Prime Minister of Israel, or the first time Abba Eban spoke to a rapt audience of thousands who packed our sanctuary. Who can forget the powerful eloquence of the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver or the profound emotions stirred in his listeners by Elie Wiesel speaking on the Holocaust.

Who can picture the wave of shock that swept through the city when fire ravaged our beautiful building in 1963 and who can describe the glow of spontaneous sympathy that descended on our congregation in the aftermath.

But most heartwarming was the way our own members responded to the disaster. In the very midst of our despondency our thoughts still pouring through the broken panes, we flung open our doors for services the next morning, thereby making a public proclamation of our faith and exemplifying the spirit of optimism which Jews have always demonstrated in difficult times.

In 1964, on Israel's 16th anniversary, Abba Eban, brilliant diplomat and peerless orator, electrified his listeners with a dramatic call for vigilance. Israel ardently pursues a course of peace, he said, wishing only to live in dignity and to be a free, independent and sovereign member of the community of states. But, he added, prophetically, "volcanic elements lurk under a serene and tranquil exterior," forcing Israel to be constantly on the alert.

A weekend lecture I shall always remember is the one given a few months later that year by Gideon Hausner, the prosecutor of Adolph Eichmann. The Eichmann trial was an act of historic justice and the first time in our long history of oppression that the persecuted Jewish people tried its persecutors. An eloquent spokesman for the Six Million Jewish martyrs, Gideon Hausner earned the gratitude of the world for his exposure of the serpent's nest and for helping to restore dignity to the victims of Nazism. There wasn't a dry eye in the crowded sanctuary when he said that through the trials the nameless and faceless dead had received the blessing of remembrance.

In fostering the Great Weekends and Institutes, Beth Tzedec created a platform for public dialogue and stimulated a vigorous commerce in ideas; it provided a forum for distinguished Jewish thinkers and offered instructive talks on vitally important aspects of Jewish life and thought.

Israel and Diaspora are one and indivisible. The founding of the Jewish state was, in the words of one of Israel's great leaders, "amongst the authentic moments of climax in human history." Israel's re-birth, her newborn independence and freedom stirred the hearts of multitudes everywhere. Only 32 years ago, history stood still for a moment to bear witness to a major readjustment, the healing rectification of a great historic wrong, the redemption of the land of Israel and its restoration as a vibrant and dynamic living Jewish state.

But while Israel's achievements are the collective products of its embattled citizen-soldiers aided by world Jewry and generous friends amongst many peoples, its rapid rise to eminence amongst the nations of the world owes much to the towering personalities who directed its fortunes and shaped its destiny. They were the ones who rallied the nation when the enemy stood at its gates; they were the ones who inspired the people with indomitable courage and a will to survive; they were the ones who piloted the young state through the greatest of difficulties, through crisis after crisis.

In a sense, when we welcomed the charismatic leaders who stood at Israel's helm to Beth Tzedec, we were witness to history in the making.

There was the unforgettable Golda Meir, a woman of invincible faith and unparalleled valor, who as Israel's foreign minister, first spoke in our sanctuary 24 years ago in 1956.

Her next visit, exactly 10 years ago to the day, was perhaps the most dramatic. Her presence was electrifying, the air thick with emotion. More than 5,000 listeners hung on her words, punctuating their attention with outbursts of wild applause and cheering. A mood of exaltation hung over the Toronto Jewish community which had come to pay her homage.

Who will ever forget that glorious day in March 1967 when more than 5,000 eager youngsters gathered in our building to salute David Ben Gurion, the white-haired symbol of Israel's spirit, Israel's first Prime Minister and founding father, whose genius lay in his capacity to animate the national will. Addressing the students of Toronto's Jewish schools in both Hebrew and English, he brought them to their feet cheering and applauding wildly when he said, "there can be no Israel without the children of Israel." "Learn Hebrew" he exhorted them, "visit Israel, go there to live, and help to make the Negev fertile."

We are particularly happy and proud that Beth Tzedec should have been chosen for addresses to the Jewish community by all of Israel's Prime Ministers — David Ben Gurion, Moshe Sharett, Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin. Their visits are history, but the memories linger on, unfadingly.

Again, perhaps nothing in my own memory was as inspiring as the unprecedented manifestation of solidarity, that spontaneous outpouring of spirit, that marked the response of our members after the outbreak of the Six Day War in June 1967, three months after Ben Gurion had spoken in our Sanctuary.

The Beth Tzedec membership turned out en masse to a special general meeting called in our sanctuary on the eve of Shavuot to shower checks and pledges in a torrent of sympathy and fellow feeling for our Israeli brethren.

Grown adults openly wept. We sensed here in our sanctuary, as did the Jews in every nook and corner where the Jewish spirit breathed, that all of us have to stand guard to protect Israel. To a hushed audience the president announced the Beth Tzedec members had unanimously endorsed a recommendation to borrow $100,000 from the bank as our gift to the Israel Survival Fund.

Who will ever forget the ecstasy that filled our great souls at the news that the Western Wall, the relic of Israel's ancient glory, was restored to the Jewish people, and Jerussalem reunited.

Seven eventful years later, in October 1974, we gathered here, crushed in spirit and despairing, to mourn the heavy sacrifice of young lives in the Yom Kippur War. But we did not abandon ourselves to tears or to wringing of hands. We resolved once again to help Israel to bind her wounds and restore a normal life within her boundaries.

And so it goes, year after year. Every important happening in the Jewish world is echoed from the walls of our sanctuary.

Each April, on Yom Hashoah, we gather in our sanctuary to mourn and remember the Six Million who died in an avalanche mindless savagery. And in May of each year, on Israel's birthday, our hearts surge with pride at Israel's accomplishments.

We will capture the future if our faith is anchored in the synagogue and our lives dominated by our faith.

For it is within its walls, within the walls of the Beth Hamidrash, that our ideals were shaped, our beliefs refined, our faith forged.

The synagogue in a sense is an identity link the Jew carries around with him to whatever land he goes. It is here, in the synagogue, that the hopes of our people are everlastingly kindled. The light of Judaism that has shone on our people for thousands of years has filtered through the traditions shaped in the synagogue.

Ida Lipson leading the fight of seniors waging war on prices

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When asked what she thinks about death, she replied, "I don't give a damn, I don't think about it ... when it comes, it comes."

Asked if she thought it was harder for a man to become widowed than a woman, she told her listeners that women seemed more flexible, more sociable and emotionally better equipped to handle crisis. Lipson herself was widowed five years ago.

On the matter of sexual activity, she told her young listeners that sex was not merely the prerogative of youth but an enduring preoccupation for older people as well.

Her fast retort for the problem of children who put obstacles in front of widowed parents who are considering remarriage is, 'tell them to stop worrying about the estate."

"Children sometimes forget that their parents are human and have needs too," she says. To iron out the kinks, she advises frank discussions and perhaps, counseling.

As far as senior housing is concerned, she says she regards it necessary for those on low incomes, but stated her preference was to live within an integrated society. "We all have something special to offer each other, and I think the whole society is richer for our being in touch," she says.

Lipson described the mourning period of her life after her husband's death as full of anguish and discrimination. "I floundered. I found I couldn't go back to the things I used to do."

An active volunteer at Baycrest, ORT and National Council of Jewish Women, she says she found that she had to put behind the old things and start fresh. Starting with a course on counseling for seniors at Humber College, she says that her life began to change.

She became involved in the Distress Centre for lonely, depressed and suicidal people, and found that in helping people she herself became stronger. While some callers may be pathological, most were lonely and wanted someone to talk to, she says.

"I learned to be a good listener. I know what most of them are going through, and by showing them I care, and providing a little humor, I can make them feel better."

In all the years that followed her husband's death, however, Lipson states that the best thing that has happened to her was her contact with the Centre for Creative Living.

"I call that period of my life when I walked in the centre's doors Chapter 2. The centre offered me the fresh challenges I needed to start my life really going again.

"It's been a time of growth, of finding out what I can do, of extending myself further all the time. The same for my whole committee. When we started we all felt intimidated about approaching people for discounts, ... but no more. We've all grown in self-confidence since those first days."

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Bathurst-Lawrence. Basement apt. in bungalow near shopping and transportation. 787-9425. No Saturday calls. 4

Bathurst-Neptune. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, reasonable. 783-7568. 20

Forest Hill
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Bathurst-Sheppard
Penthouse, beautiful 2 bdrm., adults only. After 6, 635-5031.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

Contents sale, including fridge, desk, chest. Good condition. 636-2358. 27

ARTICLES FOR SALE

Mediterranean, 2 sectional, olive-green couch. 95 inches; matching cut-velvet chair. Mint condition. Best offer. 638-0637. 27

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Miami Beach. Hotel Franklin, 860 Collins Ave. Seasonal rentals or by the year. Affordable price. Efficiencies. Laundry facility. Lobby. Newly decorated. 1-305-947-0872 or Toronto 636-6939. 27

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New Oceanfront Studio Apartments — affordably priced for rent by the month, season, year, or option to buy. Full kitchen, Color TV, Laundry Facility, Pool, Card Room, and Lobby. Call Rose Silvers, 305/981-0270, eve. 305/966-4783. 4

FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

3 Islands, Hollywood. Large furnished 1 bedroom apt., pool and ocean, 3 month minimum. Available now. $1,200/month. 514-484-7955. 4

Century Village, Deerfield. Main floor garden apt., 1 bedroom, 1 bath, furnished, enclosed patio can be used as spare room. Season $650 U.S./monthly. Yearly $350 U.S. monthly. Available January 1st, '81. Call after 6 pm. 223-4134. 4

Hallandale. Parker Towers, on the ocean, 1 bedroom, 1½ bath, nicely furnished, 2nd floor, south sunny exposure. For month of December and March. $1,500 U.S. 449-8695. 4

Boca Raton, Vistas of Boca Lago, decorator furnished deluxe two bedroom, second floor, overlooking golf course. Private club for golf and tennis enthusiasts. Four months, Dec., Jan., Feb. and March. Phone 7 to 10 evenings and weekends. 519-743-7363. 27

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Palm Beach/Oceanfront. Prestigious oceanfront condo, bay, ocean and pool view, 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, fully furnished, wraparound terrace. Available for season and/or yearly. 201-289-1166. 18

Sunrise Lakes. 1 bedroom, beautifully furnished, will sell or rent minimum 3 months. Phone 635-8891. 4

West Palm Beach, Poinciana Place. New 2 bed., 2 bath apt. decorator furnished, on golf course. Available Dec. 1st through April. 215-642-6737; 1201 Andover Rd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19151. 27

Winston Terrace, luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apt., available February. Telephone after 4 pm, 447-0008. 4

Boca Raton. New exquisitely decorated, 2 bedroom, 2 bath villa, overlooking golf course and lake, in Boca West, the most prestigious resort community. 3 championship golf courses, 22 clay tennis courts, heated pool, dining club. Monthly $2,500 U.S. or by season. Write or call Mrs. M. Slove, 843 Nancy Way, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090, 201-232-0061. 27

Star Lakes, North East Miami. 1 bedroom, close to Orthodox Synagogue. $900 U.S. plus hydro and telephone, from November 25 to January 25. 1-519-271-8962, after 6 pm, 1-519-273-0935. 27

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North Miami. Super luxury apt., 1 bedroom convertible, ideal location. Available end of January. 495-7077 mornings and evenings. 27

Pompano Beach, Island Club. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, available for season. $1,400 U.S. monthly. 967-0800. Evenings and weekends. 783-1605. 27

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Century Village, Boca Raton. Luxury 2 bedroom, 1½ bath condominium, all equipped to rent for January 8-February 18. Also available to Dec. 11th and after March 18th. Call mornings/evenings, weekends, 429-0946. 27

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Wanted: 2 bedroom or 1 bedroom convertible for March. Responsible couple. 445-7763 or 630-6223. 27

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Babysitter for 6 month girl/light housekeeping. Occasional days/nights. Provide own transportation. Bayview-York Mills area. 449-6389. 27

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$259,500 — 2 storey, half stone front. Original owner home. 4 spacious bedrooms, including large master suite. Huge kitchen and breakfast area. 4 bathrooms, beautiful garden. Excellent condition. Phone after 4:30 pm, 782-1631. 4

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BATHURST-SHEPPARD
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BAYVIEW-STEELES LUXURIOUS 4 BDRM. WITH INGROUND
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Cooper, Rose on November 16, 1980, late of 25 Fairchild Ave.
Dambrot, Betty on November 1, 1980, late of 535 Sheppard Ave. W.
Etkin, Jerome on November 4, 1980, late of 27 Elm Ridge Acres Rd.
Ginsburg, Israel on November 15, 1980, late of 2603 Bathurst.
Gotfrid, Harold on November 13, 1980, late of 350 Lonsdale Rd.
Jacobs, Sadye on November 8, 1980, late of 127 Sultana Ave.
Kaplan, Igor on November 14, 1980, late of 33 Harbour Square.
Lokach, Sarah on November 16, 1980, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.
Lustigman, Bronia on November 3, 1980, late of 217 Pannahill Rd.
Margolis, Sam on November 7, 1980, late of 667 King St. W.
Mednick, Harry on November 16, 1980, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Miller, Elissa on November 2, 1980, late of 1325 Steeles Ave. W.
Moscoe, Philip on November 3, 1980, late of 264 Park Home Ave.
Nefsky, Mary on November 12, 1980, late of 100 Raglan Ave.
Rothberg, Sylvia on November 7, 1980, late of Baycrest.
Rubinstein, Ben on November 16, 1980, late of 464 College St.
Simcha, Sam on November 14, 1980, late of 86 McAllister Rd.
Solomon, Mac on November 16, 1980, late of 660 Briar Hill.
Sood, Sara on November 11, 1980, late of 15 Rockford Rd.
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Brok, Fajwel on November 3, 1980, late of 16 Romfield Dr.
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Ginsberg, Harry on November 11, 1980, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home.
Goldberg, Ethel on November 1, 1980, late of 569 Sheppard Ave. West.
Jura, Morris on November 11, 1980, late of 16 Morland Rd.
Keiner, Martin on November 7, 1980, late of 500 Avenue Rd.
Landesberg, Gloria on November 10, 1980, late of 94 Searle Ave.
Nodel, Michael on November 12, 1980, late of 35 Cambourne Ave.
Tevans, Percy on November 12, 1980, late of 1059 College Street.
Weisman, Allan on November 1, 1980, late of 10 Shallmar Blvd.
Wineberg, Edith on November 8, 1980, late of Lincoln Place.
Yarmolinski, Morris on November 11, 1980, late of 1307 Wilson Ave.

Peace process progresses

JERUSALEM (JNI via CZF) —

Recent indications that the normalization process between Israel and Egypt is progressing at a faster pace has raised Israeli hopes for further co-operation between the two countries.

Buoyed by the success of a Nov. 10 El Al reception in Cairo, the foreign ministry is hopeful that a breakthrough in relations is imminent. This feeling was further accentuated when, on Nov. 11, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said he was considering the opening of consulates and cultural centres in Haifa and Beersheva to "deepen relations between Egyptians and Israelis."

Later in the week, participants at the Madrid conference of the Socialist International witnessed the active co-operation between the Israeli Labor Party delegation and the Egyptian contingent to divert European socialists from the inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the coming stages of the peace process.

Yet, events reinforcing dissatisfaction with the progress of normalization were also apparent.

The Egyptian foreign ministry received wide publicity Nov. 13 for its policy of banning advertising of Israeli products and the promotion of Israeli tourism in local newspapers and on television.

Simultaneously, the Israeli press published a claim by former Egyptian president Mohammad Naguib that, during the past two months, the Soviet Union sent 3,000 undercover Soviet soldiers to Israel as Jewish immigrants in order to threaten Egypt. This claim has been unsubstantiated.

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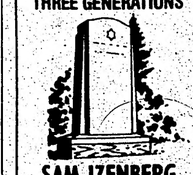

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Mark Laskin competes at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Mark Laskin keeps riding in spite of a bad back

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Mark Laskin's job is riding horses.

When he gets up in the morning he doesn't put on a suit and tie. Instead, he heads out to the barn to work with his horses. On some days he has to ride as many as 15 of the animals and that's not exactly an easy job for somebody with a bad back.

Laskin has a bad back — a back that hurts him more and more each time he rides, but he has resigned himself to the fact that it's just one of the hazards of his occupation.

Mark Laskin, who hails from Edmonton, is one of the world's top international riders and was a member of the Canadian team that recently won a gold medal at the alternate Olympics in Rotterdam, Holland.

But back to Laskin's bad back. He told The Canadian Jewish News last week that it "inhibits your style because you try to let the horse jump as naturally as possible. When you jump you try to play a non-interference role."

He also pointed out that the horse plays a significant role in the horse-rider pairing. He noted: "Mario Andretti can't win a grand prix driving a Volkswagen. But a mediocre rider can look fairly good riding a great horse."

He said that riders "with less ability can beat you with a good horse." Because of that possibility, Laskin said he prefers difficult courses, "the more difficult the better," because then the poor riders will be weeded out.

Each time a horse wins a major event, its value goes up. Laskin's horse, Damuraz, is presently valued at $250,000 and costs Mark about $1,000 a week to maintain — in the fashion he has become accustomed to — on the grand prix riding circuit. Laskin figures that his own expenses are about $500 a week. "The horses really get spoiled," Laskin said. "They're looked after real well . . . better than a lot of people I know."

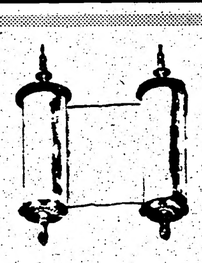
Sure the horses are working hard out there, but Laskin pointed out that horses enjoy jumping. "They like to do it — after all, it's 1,200 pounds against 160 pounds and if the horse doesn't want to jump there's no way I can force it. They learn to jump at an early age. I don't just push a button for them to jump. But I'm sure the horses get as big a high jumping as the riders do."

Laskin, who was born in the Bronx, New York, while his father was doing a medical residency, has been riding for 19 years of his 23 years. He said when he was a little kid his mother used to put him on her quarter horse to keep him out of trouble.

That one childhood horse led Laskin to one of the most expensive sports in the world. A sport where his career could be wiped out in a second if his horse is injured. He said ideally he'd like to have 10 grand prix horses in his stable — horses he can turn to in case one is injured.

For example, during the recent Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Damuraz was hurting and Laskin wasn't able to ride the 9-year-old gelding. Instead, he had to pick up a horse at the last minute — a horse that Laskin admitted probably wasn't capable of winning any prize money. And when there is sometimes $30,000 in prize money at stake for a single event, it's a significant blow to a professional rider without a horse.

Laskin, who plays hockey for the Edmonton Bagels of the Western Canadian Jewish Hockey League, said that as far as he knows none of the Canadian riders, "the best riders in the world," is sponsored. "The only solution," he joked, "is to marry somebody rich and have her sponsor you. Except it seems that the ones with the money are never the right ones to marry. And believe me, I've been looking."



sparks from the torah

by RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeshev

A tongue is sharper than a knife. A few words at a critical time can destroy a person's whole life — or open beautiful doors.

If you have nothing nice to say — say nothing.

The chassidim tell that in his later years, the Vilna Gaon deeply regretted having believed the lashon horah — evil gossip — told him by a certain Avigdor about the Lubavitcher rebbe. Once the same Avigdor visited the Gaon, scraping and bowing, feigning great humility.

The Vilna Gaon said to him bitterly: "You know, our rabbis teach that a person who speaks gossip should be thrown to the dogs. I always wondered, why dogs of all beasts?

"But our rabbis teach that dogs are azai nefesh, bold and ruthless .... and yet when it comes to the daily Song of Glory, where each animal participates, the dogs recite, 'come let us bow and prostrate ourselves..' The same with those who speak lashon horah — they have the nerve and gall to assassinate others with their tongue, but when it's necessary, they feign humility ...."

In this week's parsha, Joseph got himself into trouble because he brought bad reports about his brothers to their father Jacob. They feared that Joseph was trying to destroy them, so they conspired to kill him. When Reuben, the oldest brother, heard their plan, he felt responsible for Joseph, and advised them to throw him into a deep well. The well was empty of water, but there were poisonous snakes and scorpions.

Why should Reuben give such dreadful advice if he wanted to save his brother?

Our rabbis teach that it is better to throw oneself into a lion's den and not fall into the hands of a human enemy! With a lion, you know your enemy. You can hide, run away. But who can protect himself from a human enemy who wants to harm you, but puts on a smiling face while he harms.

Says the Talmud: A person who speaks evil — even if it's the truth — loses his place in the world to come!

Even saints suffer enemies. The brilliant Reb Nachman of Braslav had a sworn enemy in Reb Arey Leib, the "Shpoler Zeide." The Zeide caused Reb Nahcman great suffering. Once Reb Nachman said jokingly: "Our rabbis say that it is better to cast oneself into a lion's den, and not fall into the hands of one's enemies. But what should I do when my enemy himself is a 'lion'!" (Arey Leib in Hebrew means lion).

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When you love G-d, you have no time to hurt others, and no one can really hurt you.

Joseph was raised from the well, taken by traders, and sold into slavery in Egypt. But he overcame everything: "And the L-rd was with Joseph, and he became a successful man ...." When you go with G-d you never fail, because you are always satisfied.

Even more — "The L-rd was with Joseph ...." Joseph did not abandon the Almighty although he was successful. He didn't forget that every success comes from G-d.

"And his master saw that the L-rd was with him..." How did he know? Because, as the mishneh teaches, whoever G-d finds favor with, men also find pleasure in ....

Let us throw out loshan horah, gossip, backbiting, selfishness, jealousy, pettiness, the icy hatred that freezes men's hearts. Let us be warm and shine with G-d and Torah, and we will always be joyous.

Shabbat Shalom, a lichtige Chanukah!

$40,000 Hebrew language series grant

MONTREAL —

A grant of $40,000 for development of a Hebrew language arts series in Canadian Jewish day schools has been made by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal.

The grant, payable over two years, went to the Jewish Education Council of Montreal and will help underwrite the program together with federal government funding. The first $20,000 instalment was presented to council president Max Schumann by foundation president Mildred Lande and Gordon Brown, chairman of the foundation's allocations committee.

The original feasibility study and pilot testing were undertaken in July, 1979, with $30,000 in funding from the federal government's multiculturism directorate of the secretary of state.

Jewish educators had asked for a Hebrew language arts curriculum of high standard which would "enrich, enhance and facilitate the teaching of the Hebrew language in elementary grades 2 to 6."

The multiculturism directorate provides funds for the development of ethnic language teaching materials — other than English or French — and has granted the JEC $128,000 for the next two years of development work.

The series of texts is being designed "in line with modern teaching and learning strategies," stated Rabbi Meyer Krentzman, executive director of the Jewish Education Council.

Mrs. Tova Shimon is serving as project director and chief curriculum writer. She will supervise a team of specialists in language, curriculum design and related educational systems design.

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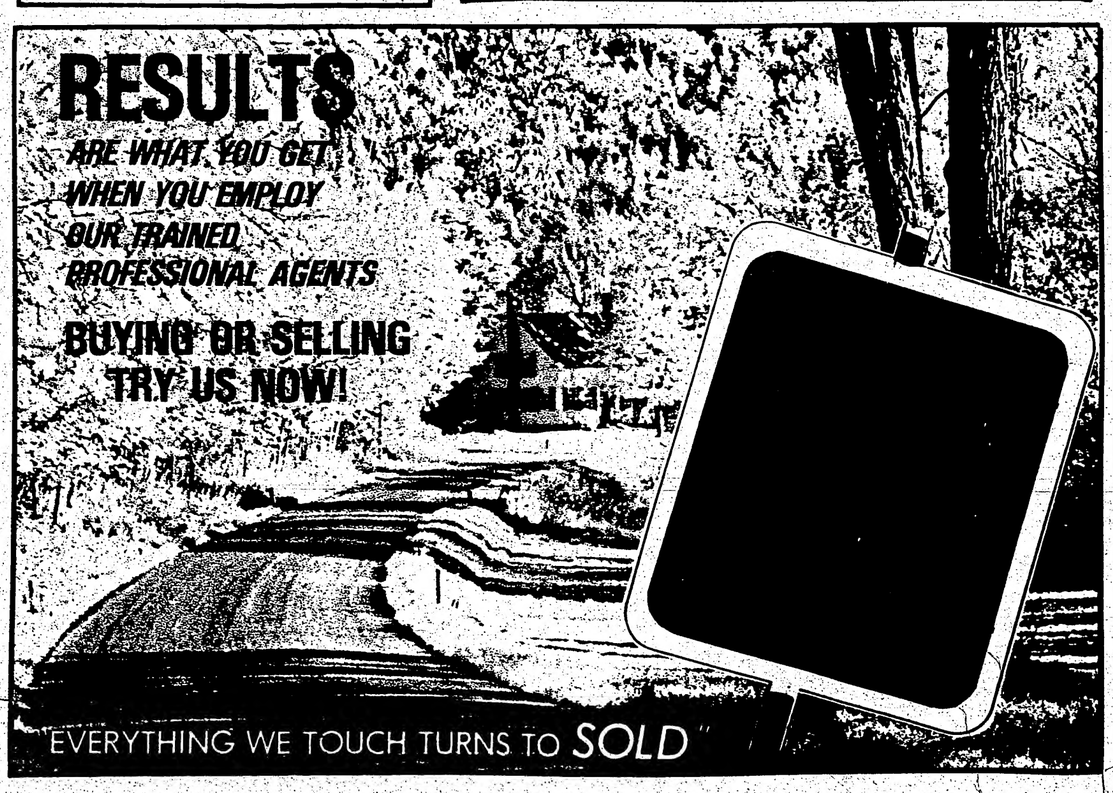

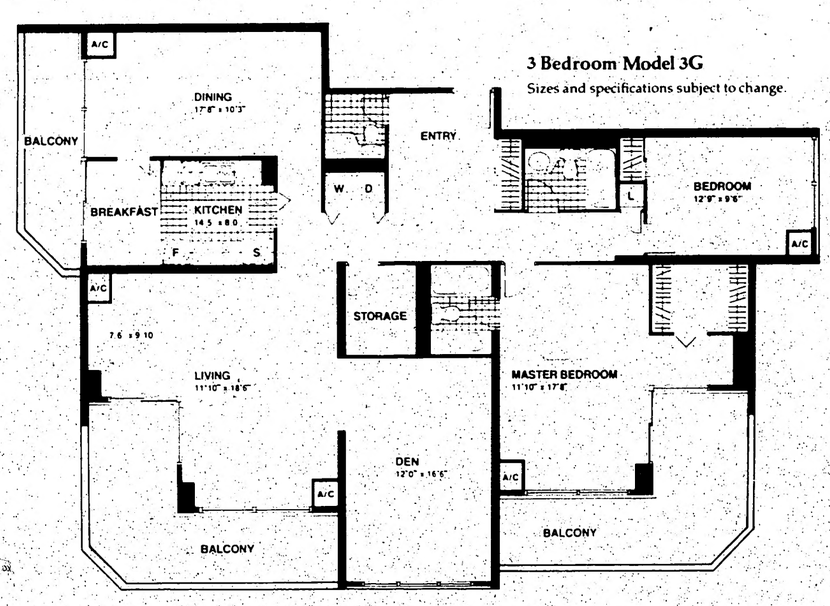

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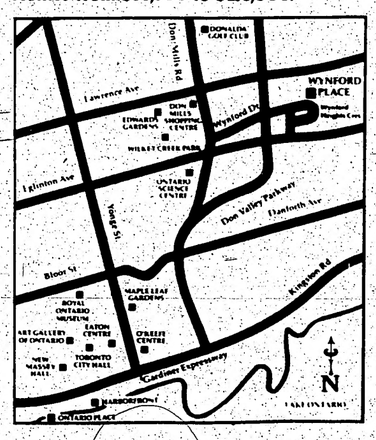

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